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TO: Chair and Members of Board of Health Email: boh@toronto.ca
c.c.: Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb
DATE: June 11, 2017
RE: **HL20.5 - Health Impacts of Environmental Noise in Toronto**

We write in support of the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health. LPRO has been active in promoting changes for some time. Please see attached April 2016 letter to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Committee recommending review of guidelines.

As set out in the report from the Medical Officer of Health "the growing body of evidence indicates that exposure to excessive environmental noise not only impacts quality of life and causes hearing loss, it also has other health impacts, such as cardiovascular effects, cognitive impacts, sleep disturbance and mental health effects."

We are in support of, but concerned, with the following recommendation: "*Development of education and guidance materials could help residents and businesses make informed choices while taking noise emissions in to consideration. Labelling products, such as garden equipment with a noise rating or sound decibel level, would help consumers select less noisy equipment.*" Matters such as labelling might be the purview of other levels of government, and, in our opinion, waiting for these would cause an unsafe delay in protecting the citizens of Toronto. In addition, we would stipulate that an effective and robust enforcement mechanism be in place to back up the regulations. This is an urgent matter which, now that you have been made aware, requires the immediate action by Council to increase the protection of its' citizens.

Your truly,

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Attachments: LPRO April 25, 2016 letter to Councillor Carmichael Greb & "Improve the Noise Bylaw" document.