



We were misled on NJMP noise

By Letters to the Editor/The News of Cumber...

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To the Editor:

In response to Richard Patterson's letter of March 31, "We are fortunate to have NJMP."

If one takes the time to read the information on our Web site (www.trackracket.org), one will realize that we are not against the track as a business, as a job creator, as an economic engine.

What we are furious about is that we were misled as to the amount and duration of noise this track produces. Yes, I do say misled, for when someone deliberately tells you that the noise is the same level as a telephone dial tone, what would you think?

I have members who deal with noise in the 70 decibel range all day long during racing activity. That's fine if you are working there or attending a race, but not at home when you are trying to relax from the rigors of life.

As far as jobs (this copied from our Web site on the Myths and Truths page):

"We say to you that noise mitigation does not prevent jobs, curtailing noise does not impede growth. On the contrary, proper noise mitigation can improve the climate for growth and foster good will within the community. Excessive noise is a detriment to the quality of life for all residents. It is absurd that just because someone is making money they can also make huge amounts of noise."

I ask you to put yourself where we are. This track was forced upon us no matter how much we opposed it and pleaded. We were not heard. We were ignored. Yes, this track is a great thing, but the reality is that they built it too close to residential areas. Over 11,000 people live in the 3-mile noise zone. City officials were told that this location was the wrong place to put it, but they paid no attention to that and built anyway. They took from us what we hold so dear — and that is the peaceful enjoyment of our only asset — our home sweet home.

I am happy for you that you have a job. In this economy this is a good thing. But instead of berating us for protecting our quality of life and property values, I suggest you start insisting to the folks at the track to start doing something to significantly lessen the noise in order to protect your job.

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