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Dear Mayor and San José City Council, Union Pacific Railroad, and Federal Railroad Administration:

I write to you regarding Union Pacific Railroad's recent operating schedule change in the San José area. The noise that has resulted has caused consternation and disruption for residents in my district. I strongly encourage the City of San José, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to work together collaboratively to do everything possible without delay to reach a satisfactory resolution to benefit residents in the area on this matter, including establishing quiet zones.

From the time UPRR instituted changes to its operating plan to require trains to travel at night in the San José area, my office has received a growing number of constituent calls and written correspondence regarding noise from these trains traveling through residential neighborhoods, including in downtown San José and Japantown. As you know, this noise includes train horns blaring several times a night in areas where train tracks are located only a few blocks from homes.

While safety is of great concern residents' concerns about the outrageous late night noise must also be heard. To that end, I urge the City, UPRR, and the FRA to work together to establish quiet zones, as soon as possible. I appreciate your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



ZOE LOFGREN
Member of Congress