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The Honorable Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella  
Town Clerk, Town of Cortlandville  
3577 Terrace Road  
Cortland, NY 13045

Dear Ms. Rocco-Petrella:

RE: NO JAKE BRAKE SIGN  
ROUTE 222, TOWN OF CORTLANDVILLE

Thank you for your recent letter, requesting a "No Jake Brake" or "Not to Exceed Decibel" sign on State Route 222 eastbound just before Lyncourt Drive, in the town of Cortlandville.

I regret to inform you we are unable to install the requested signs. In regard to the "No Jake Brake" sign, we receive many such requests from individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. to install similar signs. Since the "Jake Brake" is a legitimate safety device, we do not support prohibiting its use where justified.

However, we realize that it is used inappropriately at times, and this can create quality of life problems. We believe most of the noise emitted is the result of faulty exhaust systems, and the best solution may be to enforce the Vehicle & Traffic Law regarding vehicle sound level limits at problem locations.

Please understand, as a NYS Law, a posted sign is not necessary for the enforcement of the regulation. Therefore, by copy of this letter, we are asking for increased enforcement in the area along State Route 222 from Lyncourt Drive to Hedgemoor Drive.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 428-4380.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth H. Parmley, P. E.  
Regional Traffic Engineer

cc: Capt. J. VanAuken, NY State Police

