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Dear Mrs. Šteflová,

let me to inform you – National Noise Observatory of the Czech Republic together with the noise abatement civil associations and together with cities and villages exposed to higher noise levels launched joined pressure on the Government of the Czech Republic with the aim to achieve cancellation of the Governmental Decree No. 272/2011 Coll. (Health protection against noise and vibration unfavorable effect) and with the aim to work out the new, modern act, preventing the inhabitants from negative effects of the noise. Absence of such an act negatively influences the majority of inhabitants of the Czech Republic, although the Directive 2002/49/EC was already accepted.

Furthermore I would like to inform you about our initiative to establish the Permanent National Noise Abatement Council similarly to the activity launched according to French environmental ministry décret No. 82-538 (June 7, 1982). The role of this Council should be to create a long time noise abatement strategy of the Czech Republic. Based on this strategy, the Council would then prepare the drafts of the tasks which would the Government give to particular Ministers.

Dear Mrs. Šteflová, we were also informed, that WHO doubted the first phase of the Strategic noise mapping from 2007, because of their low quality and of their insufficient content. We did not succeed in obtaining this WHO statement that is why I kindly ask you to submit it to us.

Finally I would like to ask you to inform us, what is, according to WHO the minimum noise exposure, after which the health risks can be identified and quantified. According to the view of our medical experts this minimum exposure spans between 5-10 years. The office of Health Officer of Czech Republic, which permanently underestimates the influence of the noise to the human health, this exposure spans between 10-15 years. In my opinion, such an

argumentation is in discrepancy with the mission of the office of Health Officer of Czech Republic, which is, according to the Act 258/2000 Coll. on the medical care, to protect the health of the Czech Republic inhabitants. On behalf of the National Noise Observatory of the Czech Republic I would like to change this situation in a way that this mission is being fulfilled.

Just to illustrate some absurd aspect of the current situation, I am attaching the response of the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic to our proposal to cancel the Government decree 272/2011 Coll. This response was drafted by Health Officer of Czech Republic.

Recently the office of Health Officer of Czech Republic started to spread a statement, that a long term exposition of 70 dB is public acceptable risk!

On behalf of all inhabitants of the Czech Republic, who suffer by noise exposure, I would be grateful for your answers to both my questions.

I wish you a lot of energy in your difficult and responsible mission.

I assure you of my highest respect.



Ivo Vaněk

President

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