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Subject: Re: Complaining neighbors

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A db meter.

Will the property manager allow you to make modifications?

Putting up an additional layer of drywall can help dramatically, and it's not very difficult.

A layer of 5/8's adhered (16" on center) with a soft adhesive or "green glue" can work wonders. Don't forget to remove the few screws that held the sheets up once the glue dries...you want the new drywall layer decoupled from the old wall, and leaving the screws can help create a sonic "short circuit" to the original wall.

Better yet is to frame a wall directly across (but not touching) your shared (common) wall, using flimsy 1-5/8ths metal studs or resilient channel, 2' on center, with 5/8ths sheathing.

This flimsy wall (aside from acting as a large panel bass absorber) will almost completely decouple your room from theirs, except for the attachments at the ceiling and floor. These points can also be somewhat decoupled using rubber strips (I use cheap 10' lengths of rubber, garage door bottom seal from the depot) above and below your ceiling and floor starter tracks.

In the past, all common/shared walls where always built out of solid masonry, to avoid the possibility of noise disturbance from the adjacent living space, and also to act as a fire stop.

Of course this way of construction is more expensive.

Good luck!