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From: Laurie Minns [laurieminns@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 11:02 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Title X funds

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners,

I am appalled at the way the majority of you voted with regard to not accepting the title X funds. The way the meeting agenda was handled during the first meeting and continued to the second day for a vote without public comment was far from transparent government. Although Burrows was quoted in today's Ravalli Republic as saying the vote was perceived by the county as legal, it was far from ethical. Not only am I highly disappointed that Jeff Burrows, my district's commissioner, seems to think that all of his constituents support not accepting the funds but I am also upset that you held this meeting without the opportunity for public comment or from comment from the health department itself.

I appreciate you now scheduling an emergency meeting in Hamilton, but understand that having a meeting at 2pm on a Monday with last minute notice makes it difficult for working members of the community to attend.

I am in support of the county accepting the title X funds provided by a grant from the federal government. The money that has been used to develop those grants comes from my tax money. I really do not appreciate you deciding to throw my money away because of your personal agendas.

Thank you, Commissioners Chilcott and Iman for voting to accept the funds. Ms. Foss, I thought you understood the need for early screening for cancers, the need for family planning services and for STD prevention and treatment in this Valley. Apparently, I was wrong.

Thank you for taking the time to read this comment.

best regards,
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