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**From:** Suzanne Quinn [suzy.q746@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2012 12:59 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** sign ordinance

To the Ravalli County Commissioners:

You have asked for the opinion of county residents on the proposal to allow large billboards on county roadways. I am adamantly opposed to enlarging signage, especially along Hwy. 93, the most traveled road in the county. The presence of large billboards along a highway that is known for its scenic views of the mountains would disappoint tourists, anger residents and to what purpose? I, for one, would avoid those entities that chose to put up large, scene-blocking billboards. The valley is already too commercial in areas along Hwy. 93, especially south of Victor. The most scenic and pastoral area left is between Stevensville and Florence. To allow large billboards would add insult to injury.

Why would you even consider allowing billboards of monolithic proportions to sully the landscape? You live here too, and as you drive throughout the valley, do you want to look at huge signs instead of the beauty that surrounds us? Let the good of the people outweigh profits of unknown entities. Keep the current allowable maximum at 32 square feet. Once you change the ordinance to allow billboards of 672 square feet and they start going up, quality of life goes down and it will be extremely difficult to go back to the smaller size.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Quinn  
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