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Ravalli County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

This letter is written on behalf of my clients, ICAARE, and other concerned citizens regarding the proposed expansion of the Ravalli County Airport. The Ravalli County Commissioners are holding a meeting on the Forecasting Report this week. I am writing to request that you postpone the meeting for 60 days to allow for public review of this very complicated document that, with its attachments, spans hundreds of pages.

The Montana Constitution guarantees all Montanans the right to participate in government. The Supreme Court has stated that such participation must be meaningful. It is not possible for my clients to meaningfully provide you input in the time frame you have allowed. It has taken a large team of many specialists many months to assemble this data. Surely average citizens should be given a reasonable amount of time to be able to respond. I am sure the Commissioners want to receive the input of the county's electorate to assist them in making a rational and fiscally responsible decision. Given that this process has been on-going for a decade, 60 more days at this juncture can hardly be considered unreasonable.

Furthermore, you have failed to provide the hand written aviation fuel log by Northstar. That log is a public document, and has apparently been used by the contractor. You are obstructing public process by withholding the document. Please consider this letter a written demand for this information and failure to make it available immediately puts the County in violation of Montana public meeting statutes as well as the Constitutional right to know.

Please be advised that my clients find the Report fraught with errors and believe that a more thorough review will reveal more errors. Should you chose to proceed with the meeting and approve the Forecasting Report, your efforts to bless the document with some type of governmental stamp of approval will not validate the EA should the FAA chose to rely on the Report in its present form. The EA will come under exacting scrutiny whether you approve this information or not. NEPA requires that you disclose all of the underlying data upon which you base your conclusions.

Please direct your response to me in writing.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/

Jack R. Tuholske
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