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To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Cc: Margaret Gorski
Subject: Opposed to Changing the Current Sign Ordinance

I am sending this email to you to voice my extreme concern over your current efforts to change the existing sign ordinance. It has been working well for close to 12 years now and you have not indicated why there is a need to change it now. The State's regulations allow for counties to pass different standards. That local control was exerted through the citizen effort that resulted in the current ordinance. Please don't undermine that good work.

If you change it to allow even larger billboards, it will just lead to the continued erosion of the visual quality along Highway 93 and make it even more difficult to promote the valley as a place for potential businesses to move here that care about the quality of the environment.

If you insist that it needs to be changed, then as good county commissioners, you should do it through a new public process with updated data that shows the effects of keeping it versus the effects to the economic future of the valley if you change it. **THIS MATTERS TO ME!**

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