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Ravalli County Commissioners

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October 13, 2012

Ravalli County Commissioners:

To see our valley with **GIANT** signs along it's highways would be contrary to what the valley represents – Beauty, Freedom from Clutter, and a Sense of Peacefulness.

Just as the word **GIANT** is inappropriate within the context of this page so a sign within your proposals would be along our highways. Please

DO NOT change the sign ordinance.

Sincerely,



Gerry Bates  
218 Holiday Ave  
Hamilton MT 59840

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** Vicky Bohlig [boh@bitterroot.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2012 7:34 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Please no billboard ordinance changes!

Dear Commissioners.

Jury duty this morning will keep me from attending today's meeting in which is scheduled the second reading for your proposed changes to the signage ordinance. I am sorry not to be able to be there because I am strongly against your making any changes to the existing one.

I am writing this short note as an experienced and successful Realtor in the valley and as a woman-owned small business. I am strongly convinced that allowing the extra-large, vista-blocking billboards will harm my business. Anyone who has followed the economic changes in this valley over the past 30 years, as I have, would recognise **TOURISM** is a major economic resource for Ravalli County residents. Out-of-state visitors come here for the scenic beauty. I have never had a client looking to resettle here say they wish they could see more advertising on huge billboards blocking our mountain panoramas!

Do not make any changes and do not approve the second reading! It is pure folly to think otherwise. Thank you.

Vicky Bohlig  
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**From:** CYNTHIA FLEMING [cynthiar77@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2012 6:23 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Cc:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** Fw: bigger is not better

Cynthia Fleming  
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October 14, 2012

Ravalli County Commissioners  
215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Commissioners:

I am a long-time residents of Ravalli County. I am writing to express my opinion about the pending changes being discussed concerning the current citizen based Ravalli County sign ordinance. I believe that allowing billboards along Highway 93 to be up to 336 square feet in size sends a very old and out of date message...that bigger is better. The best way to market and expand the appeal of businesses and the Bitterroot Valley is to let people see for themselves what makes us special. Driving through the scenic Bitterroot Valley people don't want huge billboards blocking the view. Bigger is not better, it is visual pollution.

It is a huge leap to move from 32 square feet to 336 square feet. I find it hard to understand why the Commissioners would entertain changing the sign ordinance size restrictions in such a drastic way.

I agree with Commissioner Foss that Ravalli County needs to protect our view shed. I encourage you to support the current citizen's based sign ordinance that allows for reasonable sized signs.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Fleming

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**From:** Nina Maclean [nina.maclean@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2012 4:07 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Re: signs

On Monday, October 15, 2012, Nina Maclean <nina.maclean@gmail.com> wrote:

> HELLO COMMISSIONERS!  
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> A HUGE BILLBOARD NEAR YOU SHOULD DECLARE NOT TO CHANGE THE ORDINANCE TO  
ALLOW FOR THESE GIGANTIC SIGNS.  
>  
> THE BEST AND BIGGEST IN RAVALLI COUNTY IS THE BEAUTY OF THE BITTERROOT  
VALLEY?  
>  
> Please take the responsibility to preserve this wonderful scenic gift.  
> Nina Maclean  
> PO Box 744  
> Darby