

## Glenda Wiles

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**From:** Mary Lemons [mary@itabk.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 10:57 AM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Ravalli County Airport

Dear Commissioners:

The Ravalli County Airport is a vital link for Ravalli County as well as a source of revenue and employment that is essential to us in Montana. The last thing we need is for as strong of an industry as the airport is to be shut down because of neglect and lack of planning in our government.

Please do the logical thing and vote "for" the Ravalli County Airport's future.

Mary Lemons  
Accountant and Pilot

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**From:** Harry Saxton [harrysaxton7@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 9:35 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners

Dear Commissioners-

I am writing to you as a flight instructor, glider and power pilot with over 40 years of experience, and I have flown over most of the western United States with many flights into and out of Ravalli County Airport. I have been a resident of the county for 12 years. I strongly support the runway modifications required by the federal government that allow their continued support of our airport. First and foremost, it is a matter of increased safety that we proceed, and that is closely followed by the need to update and maintain the condition of the runways and taxiways. I support option 4b that provides the largest increase in safety of flight operations.

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TO whom it may concern:

The Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce is committed to the **Ravalli County Airport** and the future expansion plans. The 2008 study of the economic impact the Ravalli County Airport (RCA) had showed fourteen million dollars (\$14MM) using a very modest multiplier of only 2.5. Currently the airport is nearly at maximum capacity. The growth rate of Ravalli County Airport (RCA) has averaged 4% a year. Using the past growth rate and projecting it into the future, the airport will need to double in size by the year 2030, only 18 years from now. The economic health of the businesses in Ravalli County should not be required to suffer the impacts of a no-growth airport.

The Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce feels there should be no compromise when it comes to safety for Ravalli County citizens and for the citizens using the airport.

Ravalli County Airport is the gateway to investment in the county and is the first impression for people and representatives of companies arriving at the airport looking to invest in the valley. Do we welcome investors with a safe airport or turn them away with an unsafe, small, crowded airport? Please be pro-growth, pro-jobs and pro-safety and vote for alternative 4B at the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 19, 2012. Keep in mind the economic impact Ravalli County Airport has on the county and what it could provide in the future if it is allowed to grow and provide a safe environment for those using it.

The Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce actively promotes the economic development of the Valley and has been doing so for over 100 years. Our organization recognizes the importance of the Ravalli County Airport to the economic development and economic stability of our area, and supports the existence of a working, viable airport. (December 2001)

Al Mitchell  
Director of Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce

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**From:** Larry J on his Dell LT [larry@foxgulch.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 1:14 PM  
**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Website Email - Opposed to Airport Expansion

The proposed **airport expansion** and it's cost was just brought to my attention. I feel the money could be better spent repairing and improving the county's roads. The current airport is sufficient. Let's spend what money we have on projects that will benefit the majority of our residents, not just a privileged few.

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