



PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners:

I, Carol Calderwood, MD (Ravalli County Health Officer) and the staff of the Ravalli County Public Health Department, support maintaining Environmental Health as an independent department in Ravalli County. We believe a strong Environmental Health Organization is always important, especially in times of outbreaks and events which increase threats to public health and safety, it is essential to have leaders in place with expert knowledge of Environmental Health. Many crucial functions of Environmental Quality fall outside the scope of the Planning Dept. Therefore, in my opinion, non-sanitarians don't have the expertise or perspective to make appropriate decisions for the department.

Sincerely,

Carol Calderwood, MD

Ravalli County Health Officer