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Few public officials will have the opportunity to stand up to the hoax sayers in 2020. Your position on opening the Ravalli County Fairgrounds to tens of thousands of people is your opportunity to do the right thing. COVID 19 shows no signs of disappearing. Holding the fair this year is the equivalent of shooting off fireworks in an extreme danger forest. It is my understanding the Health Board is opposed to holding the fair this year. Holding the the Ravalli County Fair in the hometown of one of the world' foremost epidemiological research facilities is a slap in the face of its legacy. The massive failure of the current administration to provide leadership in the face of a global pandemic may be politically wise. But I cannot see how it is anything but fiscally foolish. If the fair is not cancelled, please require the Fairboard to require all entrants to sign a liability release form similar to the one the Trump 2020 Campaign used in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Please urge the Fair Board to do the right thing and cancel this year's fair.

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