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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office; James Kalkofen  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stevensville Planning and Zoning Committee meeting Jan 6, 2021

I am addressing this email to all of our county commissioners but Commissioner Chilcott in particular. I was disturbed to hear that the Stevensville Planning and Zoning Committee is planning to go ahead with the meeting tomorrow. I had understood that all attempts were to be made to make this a public meeting, not only for the residents most directly impacted but for the growing number of Stevensville residents with concerns about Burnt Fork Estates and the enormous impact on the community as a whole. Yes, the pandemic has made everything more difficult but there are other facilities in this valley that could accommodate a large public meeting (eg First Interstate Center). As citizens we are being denied our right to participate and comment face to face with the committee! Zoom may be a big deal to all of you, but if you don't have a smart phone or a computer with a camera you are completely eliminated for any participation. There is nothing more valuable than speaking face to face and getting responses right then, right now from the participates. Yes, I can send my comments via email to the City Clerk, but is anyone on that committee really going to read every comment? Will each and every comment be read aloud into the meeting record? I have my doubts.

Respectfully,

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