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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RAL Train Expansion

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Lavon Heath and I am writing to urge you to vote for the RAL Trail expansion. Our family lives off of Golf Course Road. Years ago, I started biking for my health. Initially I tried to bike on Golf Course Road, but my FIRST time on this busy road, I was forced off the road by a speeding truck with a trailer. There is no shoulder on parts of the road, so I crashed in a gully off of the side of the road. I was scratched up but not injured. Since then I put my bike in my car and drive to the bike trail on Highway 93.

When my son Josh was growing up, he would beg me to let him ride his bike to school or to the Arbors to practice basketball on that court, but we didn't dare let him because we worried that Golf Course Road is not a safe place for bikers or pedestrians. We have been deeply saddened to have this fear of this street confirmed.

My husband and I urge you to vote to let this trail expansion go forward. Let us work together to create a safer community.

Sincerely,

Lavon Heath

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