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Ravalli County Commissioners

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May 22, 2014

Ravalli County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners,

My family and I have ranch property and home at 346 Stevi Airport Road which is located on 51 acres north of the Stevi Airport area. We have resided at this location since 1977 (37 yrs) and continue to ranch a hay crop for the surrounding area. Our credentials of Air Force Vietnam Veteran, US Forest Service and U of M retirees and graduates go along with the many contributions we have made to the Stevensville community.

We are deeply concerned with an Ordinance #147 that the Town of Stevensville may be trying to impose upon private lands around their Airport. We have only recently acquired knowledge of this "covert" action from a neighbor, and feel that you as Commissioners would be the controlling authority in this matter as our property is in your county!

When reading this proposed Ordinance, we are "dazzled" by MCA references, as it is guised for the safety in the area, but this can be fairly called a "land grab" to fall within qualifications for FAA funding for growth and enlargement of the Stevi Airport. This is NOT about community safety. This is about gain and income for the Airport and the Town of Stevensville. Who gains by this venture, not us "ground dwellers" trying to make a living, but only the people with connection to that Airport? The depredation of property value could stand alone as to the injustice of such an act!

Stevensville was a quiet community when arriving in 1977, and the Stevi Airport was small and compatible to the area. Our home was built in 1972, but this Airport has grown probably 6 to 7 fold with 76 based aircraft and with up to 37 aircraft operations per day reported by AirNav.com in 2013. Your Hamilton Airport is

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Dear Mr. [Name],
I have received your letter of the 15th and am sorry that I cannot
reply to you more quickly. I am sure that you will understand
the reasons for this. I am sure that you will understand
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the reasons for this.

Yours faithfully,
[Name]
[Address]

My family and I have been very pleased to hear from you and
to hear that you are still in the States. I am sure that you
will continue to be a great help to the people of the States
and that you will continue to be a great help to the people of
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With kindest regards,
[Name]

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reported to have 104 based aircraft with up to 65 operations per day. It seems like Stevi might be trying to take some aircraft business from your area? In consideration of safety, both airports are FAA termed "unattended", meaning that there is no ground to air communication only air to air, limiting reciprocal knowledge of air and ground conditions. Assistance in fire suppression could be one of the few actual community benefits of the Stevensville Airport.

In the past we have commended Stevi Airport board members and pilots for their efforts of courtesy (long history), but to no avail the annoying "fly-overs" and noise continue and will only increase due to this new venture. It is fair to say that our only down or quiet time is during inclement weather. Do we need more airport and land restrictions/covenants around Stevi Airport? The Wyatt family will say **NO!** We do not even have a quality rated motel in Stevensville for our visiting guests! Why do we need an airport of any size, when the Hamilton or Missoula facilities are so close? In these days of violations of our basic constitutional rights and grandiose government spending and scandals, this matter cannot be taken lightly. May this letter help inform you of what our valley is becoming, and that we folks need your help.

Sincerely,

Bill & Marlene Wyatt

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cc: Gene Mim Mack
Town of Stevensville