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**To:** Ravalli County Commissioners Office  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Election Integrity and Accessibility

Dear Commissioners Burrows, Huls and Chilcott,

I'm writing today in response to some information I've seen going around about election integrity in Montana and beyond. There are some folks in the valley who are calling for photo id laws, paper only ballots and no absentee ballots. What I'm worried about with these potential new measures is the people who will be disenfranchised if they are adopted. Not everyone can afford a photo id. Not everyone can get to a polling place on election day. Not everyone can use a paper ballot, including those folks with vision impairment or other disabilities. When we put in these restrictive voting measures, all we're doing is making it harder for everyone to vote and isn't the right for every adult American to vote a huge part of what makes our country so great?

When you consider changing our election procedures, please take the time to think about the people who have disabilities, the folks who can't get the day off work, the elderly who may not be able to get into their polling location and the folks for whom income is a barrier to voting. There has been very little fraud detected in most elections in this country. Let's not punish the many for the abhorrent actions of the few.

Thank you for your time and your service to Ravalli County.

Sincerely,  
Marisa Neyenhuis

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