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Subject: Comment: Ravalli County Airport runway etension

Attn: Ravalli County Airport

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Dear Dan Daniel Norderud

and Ravalli County Board of Commissioners,

I write to oppose any runway extension plan for the Ravalli County Airport. As a resident of Stevensville for twenty five years I have followed with great interest and personal concern the many discussions on the future of the airport through a number of terms of commissioners.

There are many, many points to consider - cost of \$7 million to taxpayers to benefit so few. There has been much effort to find local producers who need to ship from Hamilton by air. Few planes larger than those used by the airport need to fly out of Hamilton. The list is very long regarding the disadvantages of extending the runway. Safety is a major factor. Under SAFETY I have not seen the following mentioned: maneuvering larger jets into this narrow valley safely and onto ground. I understand from pilots that great skill is needed to almost "corkscrew" down into valley. What kind of pilots, what guarantee is there that pilots using this longer runway airport have such skills and professional license. Delta Airlines flight crew members have told me that Missoula airport and Missoula Valley require great skill in pilots landing there. So much that Delta only allows Salt Lake City based pilots to fly its planes into Missoula.

Sincerely,

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