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As a citizen of Ravalli County, who lives south of the Ravalli County Airport and directly under the flight pattern of both incoming and outgoing flights, I vehemently oppose the proposed expansion to the existing runway. I maintain that the existing runway remain at the current length of 4200 feet which will discourage a proliferation of larger corporate jets. A major redesign and expansion of the runway will add significant noise and pollution to an already fragile environment in the valley. Such an expansion will also encourage larger, corporate style turboprops and jets.

The previously approved Alternative 2A—one that moved the airport runway 300' to the east and maintained the existing 4200' runway met all of the FAA safety requirements.

The existing proposal will cost the county 20 percent of the total cost of the new runway, money which the county does not have and there is no assurance that the pilots association can and will fund that difference. Only a small percentage of Ravalli County residents are in favor of an airport expansion. Please listen to your constituents.

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