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Mr. Norderud,

I live about one mile SW of the Ravalli County airport, and endure the small-engine aircraft noise it generates; early morning, late evening, weekends, weekdays, year-round. The noise is loud and voluminous, yet the proportion of the county's population involved in this activity is minute. We citizens have been staving off expansion of the airport for decades; resisting efforts by the continuing rotation of elected commissioners who are massaged by a small subset of the county who pressure to expand the length of the runway. The pressure is applied by unnamed stakeholders, in contrast to we inhalers of the consequent exhaust and racket who must resort to the relatively ineffective tools of letter-writing, absenting ourselves from our workplaces to attend commissioner meetings and hearings, to stand at microphones and wail into unresponsive and non-receptive faces our desires to maintain the quality of life which supports us.

The prospect of investing 7 million dollars in this airport is insulting. Far more compelling needs for public investment abound in Ravalli County. One of the most obvious is plainly experienced on the roadways all around the airport, and the area. It is unconscionable to consider spending FAA and county dollars on a project which has no demonstrable need or justification and has been repeatedly rejected by the majority population. The willingness of the Board of Commissioners to accept an alleged fiscal subsidy from a private entity is particularly obnoxious and undemocratic; such a scheme blatantly illustrates that our BOC is poised to enable a special-interest group to bankroll further degradation of our sound-scape and air-shed.

Sincerely,
Ann Harding