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Subject: Ravalli County Airport

Good morning,

I am writing in support of upgrading the Ravalli County Airport. Moving and lengthening the runway will provide benefits for all concerned. Moving the runway will provide a safer, quieter environment for neighboring homes, schools, and roads. Making the runway longer will increase safety for all aircraft, including firefighting aircraft so vital to western Montana. Providing safe access to different aircraft will also be attractive to businesses looking for new locations (e.g. Direct TV in Missoula). Today many businesses need to function in a national or international environment, and having close access to an appropriately sized airport is high on the list for selection criteria. The Ravalli County Airport already has a positive 14 million dollar impact on the local economy, according to a recent study by Montana Aeronautics, and improvements will increase this, making it a wise investment for the county.

Thank you for your consideration,

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