

## **Glenda Wiles**

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Ladies/Gentlemen, I'm writing in regards to the expansion at the Ravalli County Airport. I'm a 24 year Air Force veteran who has been all over the world and I've been stationed at small airports and large airports. When I moved to the Bitterroot 5 years ago one of the first things I noticed about the area was how small the county airport was and if there were plans to enlarge it to bring more economic activity to the area. Since then I have also heard about the pros and cons of expanding the airport with most of the cons sounding like "NIMBYS" or not in my back yard complaining. I'm sure those NIMBYS did not complain when they widened Highway 93 from a narrow 2 lane road to a huge 4 lane highway to Missoula. You know why? well because of the safety of the widened road and the economic activity it brought to the valley. I'm hoping the county commission will vote economics, safety, and jobs the expansion will bring to the area. Please push to get the airport expansion approved and rolling. Years of talking about it does nothing to help the area and improve our airport. Thank You for your time! James McHugh 679 sheafman cr rd, Hamilton MT 59840