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Mr. Norderud,

I'm in support of bringing the Ravalli County Airport up to the recommended standards for safety per the FAA. The extension of the runway a mere 1000 feet will make it safer for all of the incoming and outgoing planes which regularly use our airport as a home base. The additional 1000 feet will not allow jumbo jets or huge cargo plans to land here. There are lies being printed about huge noisy aircraft landing at our little airport if the runway is expanded but this is completely false. The runway was built for small aircraft weighing less than 12,500 and the recommended improvements will still allow these aircraft to land here and do it safely. Most commercial jet planes and cargo aircraft weigh well in excess of 500,000 lbs and they can't and will not land at the Ravalli County Airport once the improvements are completed. The County Commissioners must do the right thing for all of the citizens of Ravalli County and accept the FAA's recommendations to improve the safety of our airport.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Peccia', written in a cursive style.