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Dear Daniel Norderud,

I am strongly opposed to the expansion of the Ravalli County airport. I believe there should be a vote of the people about whether to proceed or not. Only if a majority of the people favor an expansion should the project move forward.

County Commissioners Suzy Foss, Ron Stoltz, and Jeff Burrows rescinded the people's right to vote. Prior to their election there was an agreement between proponents and opponents that nothing would go forward without a positive vote of the people. It is worth noting that Foss and Stoltz were soundly defeated in the June primary. Burrows barely squeaked by against a weak opponent. There is a good chance he'll be defeated in November. Their rabid support of an expanded airport played a role in their defeat.

I believe that if the people of Ravalli County had a vote, they would vote a resounding "NO!". This is because only a few businesses that cater to rich tourists would benefit from an expansion. For the vast majority of people an expansion would mean a decrease in their quality of life. The reason for the decrease can be simply stated: "NOISE!".

I believe that your Environmental Assessment needs to squarely address two issues: 1) Whether or not the citizens of Ravalli County should have a vote about whether to proceed. 2) Noise. For people living in the flight path of big corporate jets, NOISE is a big deal. You should clearly address the issue of how much more noise there will be and how many people will be adversely affected by this noise.

Sincerely,



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