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Subject: Ravalli County Airport Expansion

Gentlemen:

As I certificated private pilot, I wish to support the proposed expansion of the Ravalli County Airport. I did half of my pilot training at 6S5. The airport was perfectly adequate for the Cessna 152 I was training in. Unfortunately, many other users have larger aircraft that demand a better facility. Most important would be the aircraft used to fight wild fires in our forests. They require a longer runway for safe takeoff with a full load of retardant. Many of our county residents fly personal or corporate jet aircraft which require a longer runway. Plus, the proposed changes will distance flight patterns from housing which is particularly close to the glide path for runway 34.

I believe that Ravalli County now has a unique opportunity to access external funding sources to help pay for the expansion. We should take advantage of that now and make the necessary investments in our future while we have that opportunity.

Sincerely,

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