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Subject: Ravalli County Airport

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the Airport Expansion in Ravalli County.

I work at the airport and I am a private pilot and I see the need to improve our airport conditions every day. I see small jets that don't land here, but go into Missoula because our runway is a few hundred feet short. That impacts fuel, hotels, rental industry, groceries, etc for those who then spend their money in Missoula instead of our valley. When I have flown across the state of Montana it is discouraging to see the nice condition of other small towns e.g. Polson, Ronan, Deer Lodge, Ennis, Anaconda and numerous others and yet our aviation traffic is substantially more, but the conditions are poorer. From my understanding and viewpoint – the county commissioners are being negligent if they do not press forward. The negative impact on general aviation, our county's economic activity and the safety issues are great. The increase of traffic into the airport won't be substantial and there never will be any big commercial jets landing here. The movement of the runway pushes the traffic pattern away for the houses to the south of the airport and away from the high school which is on the east of the airport. There isn't anything to be harmed by moving forward, but much to be gained. Please be responsible and move forward with this project. The airport is a county responsibility as part of the infrastructure and must be maintained to standards just like roads, water lines, sewer lines, etc.

Thank you,

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