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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Doug Schallenberger; J.R. Iman; Greg Chilcott; Ray Hawk; Jeff Burrows; Glenda Wiles
Subject: Airport Runway Improvement

Dear County Commissioners and County Secretary,

While we don't have any aviators in our organization, we do have friends and business associates that use Ravalli County Airport. We support the inputs received that the runway should be lengthened by 1,000 feet and moved father from the buildings, tarmac, and taxi way. Our main reason is the safety of pilots, passengers, and surrounding properties. The people flying into Ravalli County Airport will continue in spite of marginal conditions with the potential for incidents like the recent runway misses or slide offs (i.e., LaGuardia last month and Halifax this past weekend). It would be a tragedy if a slide off went through the buildings on the edge of the airport due to the current location of the runway.

Improvements would also encourage more local services like deliveries of products, medical evacuation by fixed wing aircraft and user friendly transportation. This is a critical issue and should be addressed before a situation arises instead of after, as we often see. It is also an opportunity to provide services that will improve the business climate.

Sincerely,

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