

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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Dear Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen who lives in the Arbors subdivision, I attended the past two public hearings, held on October 21st and the 28th for the establishment of the proposed stock car track next to the Ravalli County fairgrounds. Much misinformation has been given during these two hearings. I am guilty of that also with the testimony I gave on the 21st. I stated that I lived approximately 8 miles from two other race tracks in Montana during the past 17 years. Having measured those more accurately, I was 7 miles from the drag strip in Lewistown and 3 miles from the stock car oval track outside of Great Falls in Black Eagle. I stand by my statement that I could hear both of those tracks clear from my residences. It was not a pleasant drone but they were established long before I lived in those communities.

I now live 0.5 miles from such a track and am strongly opposed this adverse proposed use of public land. The noise pollution coming from the track, without significant mitigation, will affect much of Hamilton. Even using a conservative distance of 2 miles, thousands of Hamilton residents will be impacted. This location is simply a poor choice.

Access and egress from the site will also be a significant nuisance. When you turn loose several hundred stock car enthusiasts in their autos at 10:30 or 11:00 pm at night, especially combined with alcohol, do you think they are going to leave peacefully?! I bet not. Mayhem will ensue without significant policing, which will cost us tax payers.

Lastly, I am astounded with the attitude of a number of the racing crowd. Their utter disregard for the impacted citizens within earshot of this venue does not hold well for making good neighbors. Stock car racing at this level is just a form of recreation (for gods sake). This is not paramount to a citizen personal property rights and enjoyment of a peaceful existence.

Sincerely,

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(PS: Attached is a signed copy of my correspondence)