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Ravalli County Commissioners

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February 21, 2018

Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S. Fourth Street Suite A
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Dear Commissioners,

The Bitterroot Valley Board of REALTORS® has been a staunch supporter of the Ravalli County Targeted Economic Development District east of Hamilton. As you know, it is a 420-acre district with the Ravalli County Airport as the anchor. The airport comprises approximately 50% of the acreage of the recently created district.

We were one of the original stakeholders and have dedicated time and money to the effort. We recognize the urgent need for economic development in our county. The TEDD does have a workforce housing component and we feel that is critical. We have a shortage of workforce housing in the area. Workforce housing is defined as housing for those people earning 80% - 120% of the median household income. It, unfortunately, is a segment of the population that is often overlooked. As the district becomes viable, it will be necessary to have housing for new employees.

Because the Targeted Economic Development District cannot succeed without the airport, the Bitterroot Valley Board of REALTORS® strongly supports moving forward with the proposed expansion plan 4B for the Ravalli County Airport.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kerry Hanson, President
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