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To the Board of County Commissioners, Missoula County

We are contacting you to urge you to support the Open Space bond issue for Missoula County.

The previous Open Space bond was wildly successful in preserving open space, wildlife habitat, traditional agricultural lands, clean water, our spectacular views, and essential wildlife corridors.

We personally placed our property in a conservation easement for the preservation of all of these values. This would not have been possible if there were not funds available from the previous Open Space bond to cover costs involved in the transfer to Five Valleys Land Trust. Our property is located directly in a wildlife travel corridor, and supports a wide variety of wildlife, including rare and endangered animal and plant species. Additionally, a stunning view of the Swan Mountains from Highway 83 is protected from development forever.

The Open Space bond makes it possible to preserve what the people of Missoula County value about the rural and natural environment in which they choose to live. Open space is what brings people to Missoula County to live, work and recreate.

Please place the Open Space bond issue on the November ballot to allow the people of Missoula County to have a chance to support this measure.

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