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Subject: Please approve the expansion of the Blaine Airport

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has come to my attention that you as a group will shortly continue to consider the issue of the Blaine Airport and whether it should be expanded or closed.

I do not own a plane, have never used the airport and probably never will. I live and vote in Blaine and will continue to do so.

I believe that the expansion of the airport is an excellent idea and should be approved by the City and implemented for the following reasons:

1. The presence of the various elements of the federal government here in Blaine contribute a great deal of economic benefit to the city. The continuing emphasis on national security will only enhance our contribution to the federal governments ability to keep up an active role in border related issues. And bring in additional federal funds through salaries and related spending.
2. The planned increase in housing in the area with much of it catering to the economically advantaged will provide these expected residents ready access to the area and increase the desirability of the city as a place to live, relax and invest. Of course the impact on the tax base is self evident and will further assist in strengthening the city's financial situation.

On the other hand I do not see the benefit from closing the airport and turning the area into an industrial park or fuel stop for international truckers. There are too many vacant gas stations and commercial properties here already. Further. the proximity to the school complex makes the development of a commercial facility unwise.

I urge you to approve the expansion of the airport.

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