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Ravalli Co. Commissioners:

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cc Carlotta for fair commission

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter for my husband, Vince Menchel, regarding the Ravalli Co. Fair grounds.

Vince is in a wheel chair, and he enjoys going to the fair to see all the farm exhibits and equipment. Last year I had spoken to Allen Thompson before the fair about the walkways. He said they would try to improve them by fair time. Gary Wiley said there was not enough money to pave the walk ways. Kathleen Driscoll said there was no paving

machine available. Blahnik Construction has a paver, So does the County. There are others. The crunched up asphalt makes it very difficult.

Parking at the main gate there are no handi-cap Signs. At the west gate no handi-cap Signs. At the north gate no handi-cap Signs. I did See Some at the north gate during the fair last year, but not now. There are other events held in the fair Grounds. These areas are not paved. holes - loose dirt - holes & rocks. Very difficult.

The bathrooms - there is never enough room. The handi-cap Stalls are too Small. Toilets are always running over. Water on the floor. another hazard. No Soap No towles.

On the new building, (1st Interstate) there is about a three inch lip - from the Gravel

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to the concrete slab. There are no handi-cap buttons to open the doors. You can't hold the door and push the wheel chair thru at the same time.

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