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Dear Commissioners,

I have been increasingly concerned about the actions and rhetoric of the Republican members of the Leelanau Board of Commissioners over the past year. They seemingly have little desire to support diversity and inclusion in Leelanau, be it racial or religious in nature. They mock a woman's right to health care. Further, they have shown a flagrant disregard for other residents' health and safety, be it in the schools or at board meetings. They don't even seem to have a grasp of basic science.

And now my own commissioner, Will Bunek, has decided that he has the right to override my vote. The ballot that I cast in support of early childhood development. What on earth is he thinking? This is a democracy, and no one has the right to change the vote of the people. No one. Certainly not Will Bunek.

What comes next? If Will Bunek or the other Republican members of the board are voted out of office, will they mount an insurrection at the Government Center? This would be laughable if it were not so very scary. It is my hope that the horror with which most county residents view the behavior of the Republican members of the board will cause these individuals to pause and think about the consequences of their actions. Perhaps they can be convinced that it is their job to act as responsible representatives, and that their responsibilities are specifically directed towards county business--not deciding the legitimacy of religious organizations, not deciding public health measures, and not negating the will of the people.

Respectfully,
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