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**Sent:** Monday, September 20, 2021 4:52 PM  
**To:** Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>  
**Subject:** Early Childhood Development Discussion & Decision

Dear Ms Crocker,  
Please see that this letter is included in the public record.  
Thank you,  
Barbara Duvall

Dear Leelanau County Commissioners,  
I am quite dismayed at Commissioner Bunek's proposal to reduce to zero the budget for the early childhood development services in the county. That appears to be a total disregard of what voters approved in November 2019.

IF voters decide that they made "a wrong decision," as Commissioner Bunek suggests, let them demonstrate that at the polls in November 2024.

In the meantime, you are elected to represent your constituents; according to the outcome of the millage, a majority of voters want early childhood development services for our youngest citizens. Even if you personally disagree with the decision made by voters, it is incumbent upon you to fulfill their wishes until such time they vote otherwise.

I am particularly concerned if you should choose to overturn a vote of the people - - that jeopardizes the public's trust in the voting process. And democracy itself. That scares me greatly.

Being a County Commissioner and navigating the competing wishes of voters is a very tough job; I commend your willingness to serve in that role. As a community leader, I am hopeful that you will decide to continue full funding of the early childhood development services for

all families in Leelanau County. Please vote to do so on Tuesday evening. I will be there cheering when you do.

Sincerely,

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