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**To:** [Chet Janik](#); [Jan Engle](#); [Board of Commissioners](#); [Clerk](#); [Michelle Crocker](#)  
**Subject:** Early Childhood Millage  
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Please consider this email as a letter I intend to be considered “on the record”.

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners,

I am a Leelanau County resident. I am a volunteer member of the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Grand Traverse Region Board. I am a volunteer working with the Grand Traverse Veteran’s Coalition. I am a criminologist and have a Ph.D. in criminal justice. I am a parent. My children are now adults.

I voted in support of the early childhood millage knowing these dollars spent would create the foundation for the kind of community I would like to live. These dollars allow for a community which is safe, educated, productive, and thriving. Early childhood programming is well documented as lowering rates of poverty, reducing adult crime, increasing high school graduation rates, and increasing health, and decreasing drug abuse. Numerous peer-reviewed studies may be found at the National Institute of Health’s Website which document these positive outcomes.

I expect those representing me do so in an informed manner and with my safety, health, and well being at the center. The Early Childhood Millage strengthens and improves the community I live. I did cast my vote for this millage as an informed citizen of Leelanau County. I expect my elected leaders administer my vote responsibly and continue the Early Childhood Millage funding.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Cathy Anthofer-Fialon

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Wishing you well,  
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