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From: Deb Freed <deb.freed1@gmail.com>
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Hello, Mr. Janik. I am writing to go on record as a concerned Leelanau County citizen about the proposal by Commissioner Bunek to reduce the early childhood millage rate to zero. I voted in support of the millage and continue to be supportive of this plan, of high quality early childhood programming for all Leelanau families, and especially for the democratic process in which the proposal passed. It is well known that high quality early childhood programs save money in incarceration down the road and also result in many other positive outcomes, such as lower substance abuse, higher graduation rates, greater likelihood to attend college, higher lifelong earnings, etc. While the program has been slow to start because of the pandemic, it is also well known that the level of stress has increased for families during the pandemic, and many are in great need of the support of this program. Please ask the Commissioners to not negate my vote on this matter.

Thank you,

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