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Dear Leelanau County Board of Commissioners,

“When the people make a wrong decision, we are here to make sure it doesn’t go on.” This statement by Commissioner Bunek suggests that he would be a better fit in an autocratic government, one like Putin’s Russia or Lukashenko’s Belarus.

People of Leelanau County decided to support the Early Childhood millage through an election which is a highly valued democratic process held in great esteem by Americans. People have died to protect this process. Bunek, Rushton, Lautner and Robbins are attempting to violate our democratic process.

In addition to violating our election system, they are not looking at the benefits of early childhood care and education. They are only looking at the cost. Studies have shown that there is a 7-10 fold return on this investment in terms of reduced future governmental costs.

Please stop this attack on the early childhood millage and support the Benzie-Leelanau Health Department in their implementation of this millage.

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