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Hello,

I am disheartened to hear the Board of Commissioners have recently voted to eliminate the funding for the Early Childhood Millage that supports Parenting Communities of Leelanau. Although I do not reside in Leelanau County, I do own vacant parcels in both Leland and Northport, both of which I pay taxes on.

Parenting Communities is very important to me personally, as I try to take both my 18 month old and nearly 3 month old on a weekly basis. I am a full-time working parent (didn't take a day of maternity leave, ahem real estate industry) and this program has given me a place of connection and joy, during a time of exhaustion and isolation that comes with postpartum, working 60+ hours/week and all while still navigating a pandemic. The community it provides amongst parents and children holds more value than most realize. This program is a true asset and what makes Leelanau County such a special place to raise and grow families.

Please continue to support the Early Childhood Millage as it supports the future generations of our beloved community.

Thank you,

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