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Michelle, please make available to all of our county commisioners and Mr. Bunek for Monday's BOC meeting. Thank you. Jeff Kessler

Dear County Commissioners and Chet Bunek,

Those of you who voted to zero out the childcare support fund that was supported by a majority of our county's voters are missing a significant opportunity. Rather than accepting the outcome of the election, respecting the will of the majority, and embracing this opportunity, you are adding to the atmosphere of division that tarnishes the leadership we hope to see from our elected officials.

True leadership unites not divides.

The opportunity is to work together with those whom you disagree. Rather than just taking the easy road, and simply voting to cancel the early childhood program, you can reach out to work creatively with the opposition to make it better, and more to your liking. There are creative solutions, but to mold those takes much more work than just voting no.

This is the kind of work that makes positive legacies for extraordinary leadership. Why in the world not choose this route versus just picking up your toys and stomping home?

You have the opportunity to show what can happen when opposite sides work together. You can showcase our county as one that works for the greater good and long-term benefits a program like this one has. You can show that we are a community that cares so much for young families, that we can put political differences aside.

Please don't toss away this opportunity.

Jeff and Susan Kessler Elmwood Township

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