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**From:** lynda key <lyndarkey@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Board of Commissioners <boc@leelanau.gov>  
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September 20, 2021

Dear Commissioner:

I was gravely disappointed to learn that several Commissioners in effect subverted a decision made by voters through a determination to remove funding for a program that would've provided badly needed early childhood services. I am a recently retired School Social Worker who has over 30 years of experience in the school setting addressing especially social/emotional/ and behavioral needs. I have been able to witness the benefits that early childhood services provide to children, families, and ultimately to the community as a whole. Statements made by some commissioners alleging that these services are not needed or are not beneficial are in no way consistent with what I have observed on a first hand basis. I feel betrayed by the fact that the commissioners are not honoring the decision made by voters through removal of this funding. I do not understand how subverting a decision made by the voters is in fact legal, but if it is, I must say that it clearly is not a moral and ethical act.

Sincerely,

Lynda R. Key  
Leelanau County Resident