From: <u>Linda Szarkowski</u>

To: <u>Clerk</u>

Subject: Early Childhood Millage

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Please send my letter to all Leelanau County Commissioners and also post it online.

I was shocked and appalled to hear of the decision of some members of the BOC to vote to defund the voter-approved millage for the early childhood program.

I am an older adult, not a parent, but I voted to approve this millage as I know how important it is for young families in our county to receive the services they need in order for their children to get the best start in life they can. Young families are the life-blood of our community.

For any commissioner to think it is ok for them to disregard the voters of this county when they think the voters made a mistake is a dangerous use of their elected office. I do hope the voters speak loud and clear in the next election and vote these officials out.

Sincerely, Linda Szarkowski Northport