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Subject: This statement is intended to be shared as a public comment regarding the Early Childhood Millage
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I am outraged at the audacity of the Republicans on the board of Commissioners to attempt to strip funding from Early Childhood services - a vital service to this community's families with young children. Families who already struggle to thrive in this county. Families who you, Will Bunek, stated during your candidacy were something you sought to draw to Leelanau County (October 18, 2020 Glen Arbor Sun). How dare you state that those of us voters that believed enough to show up to support the millage "made a wrong decision" (Leelanau Enterprise)

My daughter Clarabelle was born at 24 weeks and we spent over 3 months at Devos Children's Hospital. She is now two and half years old and she and I have benefited immensely from the multilayered support of the Early Childhood services from the first weeks we were able to come back home. Not only has my daughter flourished with their support we as a family have also cultivated an even deeper connection to this community that we love.

Will Bunek, Melinda Lautner, Debra Rushton & Rick Robbins if you ACTUALLY want to SUPPOT the young families of this community you need to respect the voters decision to financially support Early Childhood Services.

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