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To: [Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Alison Middleton](#); [Chet Janik](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment to support maintaining the early childhood millage
Date: Sunday, September 19, 2021 2:06:15 PM

Dear Commissioners:

Please see email below for public comment.

Michelle

From: Madelynnne Gregory <madelynnnegreg@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2021 8:48 PM
To: Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>
Subject: Public Comment to support maintaining the early childhood millage

Good Evening,

My name is Madelynnne Gregory, and I am a resident of Leelanau County. I am writing to support the Early Childhood millage that was passed by Leelanau County voters in 2019. I wholeheartedly disapprove of some of the Board of Commissioners' intention to reduce the millage to 0.0000 mills. Early childhood services are vital to our community, making sure that every child in Leelanau County has the best possible chance for a good education, strong health, and a happy life. Early Childhood programs, such as the home visits, parenting programs, and mental health services funded by our millage, are proven to lead to better health outcomes, higher graduation rates, and lower criminal arrests. I want the absolute best for the next generation of Leelanau County, and hope that the commissioners do as well by not eliminating the voter-approved millage.

Aside from the many benefits of the millage, it is also unacceptable to discontinue the millage because doing so contradicts the wishes of Leelanau County voters, including myself. No matter how many voters participated in approving of the millage, it was a valid vote, and thus, must be respected to allow our democracy to remain strong. Commissioners cannot simply nullify a vote because they personally disagree with it; that greatly undermines the power of the vote and of our democracy.

Thank you for your time. Please support the will of Leelaanau County voters by not rescinding the millage.

Sincerely,

Madelynnne Gregory