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**To:** [Clerk](#)  
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Dear Clerk Crocker,

As a Leelanau County resident, I wish to express my concern about and strong disapproval of the recent actions of Chairman Bunek and several of his fellow Leelanau County Board Commissioners to eliminate funding for the Early Childhood Services through the millage VOTED FOR and APPROVED OF by Leelanau County voters.

Our democracy is based on the fundamental right of citizens to express their voices on critical issues through voting. And when voting shows there is strong support for a millage, law, action, etc., then that is what happens - laws are enacted, funding is made available, candidates are selected, etc. It is NOT up to a Board of Commissioners to go against those votes in cases where they disagree with how the people voted.

The audacity of Chairman Bunek and his Republican compatriots to disallow funding for a millage that was approved of by our Leelanau County citizenry is breathtaking. And must not be allowed to happen.

Secondly, not supporting early childhood services that would be funded through the millage demonstrates a sheer lack of understanding about what our families and children need now as a result of covid, and in general. My husband and I live in Leelanau County and while we do not have young children that would be beneficiaries of these critical services, we certainly understand the need to provide strong services and programs that will contribute to healthy families and children.

I urge the Board to back off from this frivolous and awful path they are on, and fully the support using the millage funds as they were intended to be used - to support families and children in our area - and to listen to the voice of the voters that clearly said Yes! To this millage.

Sincerely,

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