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To: [Board of Commissioners](#)
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Subject: FW: Public Comment on Early Childhood Services Millage
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Dear Commissioners,

Please see Public Comment below.

Michelle

From: mbwalton72@gmail.com <mbwalton72@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:44 PM
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Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Early Childhood Services Millage duly voted and approved by the voters of Leelanau County. As a senior, I have supported every tax millage in the county even as I am not a direct recipient of the services. It is for the common good of each and every resident of this county, young and old. I am totally mystified by the Commissioners who express a desire to overrule a vote of the people. How does this Board expect young families to want to live and work in this county? We need young families moving and staying here to support our services and businesses. In addition, despite Commissioner Bunek's "research" on early childhood education, much academic research has been conducted in the US in support of childhood services and education. If you are going to support the citizens at the end of their lives it is the utmost hypocrisy to ignore the beginning of children's lives in building a better, more productive society.

Thank you,
Margaret Walton
Resident and taxpayer of Empire