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From: Roberta Williams <williamsro@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Chet Janik <cjanik@leelanau.gov>
Subject: Parenting Communities

Dear Sir,

In regards to the Early Childhood Millage vote of greatest concern to any conservative Republican should be the economic impact of early childhood programs. Repeated long term studies have shown that the federal program, Head Start, for example resulted in reduced:

- Lower substance abuse rates
- Half as many criminal arrests
- Better problem solving skills
- Lower divorce rates
- Less depression
- Lower teen pregnancy rates
- Lower retention/special education needs
- Higher graduation rates
- More likelihood to attend college
- Higher lifelong earnings.

Investing in the economic, mental and physical health of our children should be a priority from a true conservative's point of view. Reactionary actions such as eliminating the voter approved millage for the Parenting Communities program will result in ill will and will be a detriment to the health and well being of our youngest residents in Leelanau county.

Please put this in the record. I've sent individual letters to Commissioners Bunek, Rushton, Robbins and Launter

Yours truly,
Roberta Williams
District 3 Resident