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To: <u>Clerk</u>

Cc: <u>Board of Commissioners</u>
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I have forwarded to Ty Wessell an important editorial on the greater importance of agencies to assist families with children since the beginning of the pandemic that I have asked that he share with all of you before you make your determination as elected officials to represent all of the people of Leelanau County regardless of their age, creed or income.

As a voter in this county, who had children attend school in Leelanau County, I find it difficult to comprehend the reasoning behind eliminating the support of child and family services in the county.

Please reconsider Mr. Bunek's proposal of reducing the millage to 0.000 for the support families and agencies need to continue their mission of educating and assisting the most vulnerable amongst us.

Anyone can cherry pick quotes from articles, letters, "experts" regarding a position. I think it would behoove the Board of Commissioners listen to the people the millage assists before making your hasty decision.

I also disagree and find it alarming that the board can willfully overturn the votes of their constituents because they don't agree with the outcome of the public's vote. It is a very arbitrary stance as you are elected officials from these very same constituents.

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