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Subj: Public Comments, Board of Commissioners Meeting, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., Agenda Item 9, Equalization – Approval of 2021 L-4029 Tax Rate Request

We are not able to physically attend and are writing to express support for the November 5, 2019, voter approved Early Childhood Services tax proposal in Leelanau County.

The Leelanau Early Childhood Development Commission site:

<https://www.leelanauearlychildhood.org/early-childhood-development>

has published an information page “Factual Statements on the 5 Main False Statements Regarding the Millage” that clarifies the Early Childhood Development Program and its benefits.

We agree with the sentiment and statements made by Commissioner Ty Wessel as reported in The Leelanau Ticker on September 17, 2019, and specifically reference:

“If there was a sincere interest in program improvement or cost reduction, Chairman Bunek would have scheduled a time to have discussion about program needs and possible cost reductions.”

and confirmed via the Leelanau County Video Service recorded and posted YouTube video of the September 14, 2021, Executive Board Session, where this motion, related motions, discussion and voting started at 2 hours and 15 minutes and concluding at 4 hours and 6 minutes in the video.

When considering Agenda Item 9, Equalization – Approval of 2021 L-4029 Tax Rate Request, we ask that the County Board of Commissioners reconsider their September 14, 2021, Executive Board Session action of nullifying the will of the Leelanau voters, who participated in the November 5, 2019, election, and support the approved millage.

Sincerely yours,

Rob and Mary Franzo