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Please see email below.

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On the record

To Whom it May Concern,

I am unable to attend the meeting this evening, but I am very concerned regarding defunding the Early Childhood Development budget. These monies, voted on by your constituents, are necessary for the future of Leelanau County. I am a single mother from a place of privilege. It was extremely difficult for me to pay for childcare when my son required it. I worked for the school in Suttons Bay for a number of years and now am employed by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Early Childhood assistance is desperately needed in our community. During the first five years of life a child's brain develops faster than any other time. We need this money to help people that need services. I am happy to pay my part for the betterment of our society. Please let voters pay for what we voted to support. Do not vote to defund the Early Childhood Development budget. Respectfully,
Kaylie Hutcheon