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To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Early childhood mileage
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Dear Ms. Crocker,

Please enter this letter into the record of Board of Commissioners meetings scheduled September 20 and 21.

I am a board-certified family physician fully licensed in Michigan living in Suttons Bay Township. I have 30 years experience caring for families in this area including infants and children. I also have a Masters in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and was medical director of the Leelanau, Grand Traverse, and Benzie County Health Department in the 1990s.

Primary care providers such as family physicians, pediatricians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants do an excellent job of monitoring infants and children during well-child exams, for health, nutritional and developmental issues as well as social indicators of risk. However, when problems are detected, they often depend on resources provided by outside agencies to supply home visits and on-going support services to optimize outcomes for vulnerable families and children at risk. In this county, these early childhood services are provided by the Parenting Communities program of our health department, funded by the voter supported Early Childhood Millage.

It is imperative that county funding of the Parenting Communities program continue in order to improve outcomes for children needing their services.

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