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To: [Board of Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Chet Janik](#); [Alison Middleton](#)
Subject: FW: ON THE RECORD/PUBLIC COMMENT
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Dear Commissioners,

Please see Public Comment below.

Michelle

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Dear Leelanau County Commissioners,

I am writing to you all because I am very concerned at what I have read and witnessed in regards to the decisions made about our Early Childhood Millage here in Leelanau County. It is my understanding that William Bunek, and the 3 other republican board members are voting in favor to nullify this millage for the rest of the year, allotting zero dollars in future funding for the Parenting Communities Program.

As a resident of this county, who regularly votes and resides in Debra Rushton's district, this news has come as a big surprise. In 2019, this millage passed by the popular vote. The people of this county had decided that this millage was worth the tax dollars required. To disregard this popular vote, you are going against one of the founding pillars of this great country - our democratic RIGHT TO VOTE.

I was under the impression that my voice mattered, that my fellow neighbors' voices matters, but I am deeply saddened to see that this voice can be squashed in an instant by 4 board members. Board members that we have trusted for years to keep our best interests in mind. Board members who we thought would uphold democracy, our right to vote and the will of the residents of this beautiful county I call home.

Whether you agree with this millage or not should not factor into your decision tonight. Whether you believe that people should have the right to vote, a basic freedom given to all citizens of this nation....whether you believe that the will of the people of this county should be carried out....whether you believe that democracy should prevail....that is what you should make your decision based on. I believe that you can make the right decision, for the love of humanity, for our

future confidence in our votes!

May you all be safe and protected. May you all be healthy in body and mind. May you all be happy!
May you all live with peace and ease.

Together we can all make a difference to pave a better way and make the best possible future FOR
ALL!

Thank you so much for listening and I am eager to see how the meeting goes tonight,

Laura Nardon

Leelanau County Resident, District 2

Barista, Wife, Mom of 2, Teacher, Therapist, Artist