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To: All Members of Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

I fully support the BLCHD and I am requesting that each commissioner act to fully support the BLCHD as well. The health department staff have worked tirelessly during this pandemic. It is to their credit for providing the evidence-based education, Covid testing and vaccine clinics that supported our county residents. It is also to their credit as well as the informed and concerned citizens of Leelanau county that our county now is #1 in the state for the highest percentage of vaccinated residents. All of this was accomplished during a time when the health department staff has not been fully supported and at times has been under attack.

After traveling to AK, my husband and I returned home to Maple City over the Labor Day holiday. We were both ill and suspicious that we may have picked up Covid in our travels despite having been fully vaccinated. I made calls to a pharmacy, my primary care provider, another health department and BLCHD. It wasn't until I called BLCHD that I received prompt and accurate information as to when and where to obtain a Covid test. Within an hour of speaking with BLCHD staff my husband and I were at one of their testing sites in Benzonia. Within 2 hours we knew our test results and we also had prompt follow up from the BLCHD staff. This included text messages, emails and personalized phone calls to insure our health, safety and understanding of our situation. This is one small but important example of the care that BLCHD provides to our Leelanau county residents.

It is both my personal and professional opinion that BLCHD not only deserves but has earned your full support. Please act accordingly to provide them with your full support, respect and encouragement.

Sincerely,

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