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Subject: Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department - for BOC meeting 10/12/21
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Ms. Crocker,

Please share this letter with all members of the BOC and include it in the public record.

My name is Maureen Fletcher from Lake Leelanau, Bingham Twp.

I am writing in support of the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department (BLDHD) and all the work that is involved in keeping the residents of our counties safe based on science and data.

Is everyone aware of the programs, and resources that BLDHD offers for us? The following programs are available to us as residents of Benzie-Leelanau Counties:

* **Environmental Health** includes land disposal and waste water management, water quality management, food protection and community health/safety

* **Personal Health** includes maternal & infant health programs, reproductive health clinics, sexually transmitted disease screening, HIV testing/counseling, TB testing, hearing/vision screening, women, infant & children (WIC) program, breast feeding resources immunizations, children special health care services

* **Emergency Preparedness** includes developing plans for family preparedness, emergency alerts, and training and exercising

* **Community Connections** includes a free program that provides resources connecting residents with health care, dental care and other services to improve residents health

* **Parenting Communities** promotes healthy children living in stable, nurturing families, supported by strong communities that provide comprehensive, supportive services. (Early Childhood)

These programs and resources are over and above what BLDHD has done and is doing to protect us from COVID-19. You should respect the amazing job it has done with scheduling vaccine appointments, including boosters. Leelanau County has the highest vaccination rate in the state!

I wholeheartedly commend the Health Department for the programs and resources it provides to us. The BOC must approve and fully fund the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department!