

October 11, 2021

To: Leelanau Board of Commissioners

From: Sue and Rich Miller

Dear Commission Members,

We are writing to express our total support for the Benzie Leelanau Health Department. We are grateful for the efficient way it has responded to the Covid-19 pandemic. As residents of Leelanau County, we are fortunate to be the recipients of the Health Department's excellent services in the form of our Covid vaccinations and the mask mandates that it has implemented. While we are confident that the Health Dept. is following medical guidelines and acting in the best interests of Leelanau County residents, we're disturbed by the attempts of those who are opposed to these mandates. Any consideration of withdrawing funding from the Health Department because it is protecting all of us by providing vaccines and mandating masks is, in our opinion, purely political. We expect you, as our representatives, to rise above this loud, minority distraction and continue to support the Health Dept. by funding its entire budget. To do anything less would be a dereliction of your responsibility to act in the best interest of our community.

Respectfully,

Sue and Rich Miller