



January 19, 2022

Dear Leelanau County Board of Commissioners,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss our Infant Toddler Child Care Startup initiative proposal requesting County ARPA funding support. I was unable to be there on January 4th but appreciated Greta Campo stepping forward to make the brief presentation and address your questions. Greta has been a valued volunteer participating on this project since its inception.

I applaud the BOC's approach of welcoming proposals from the community as a means of determining the best use of ARPA funds to support the needs of our Leelanau residents. Thank you for the important work that you are doing and your support of community.

Our proposal for ARPA funding was sent to Chet Janik in August, before we received notification in late September from the Early Childhood Development Corporation that they would be awarding us a grant to support this initiative. For that reason, I am withdrawing our request for your consideration of ARPA funds for the Infant Toddler project. However, I am grateful for the occasion to highlight the lack of quality childcare that is challenging our Leelanau families and hope this issue continues to be discussed by the BOC.

Again, thank you for your consideration. If I can be of further assistance please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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