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I live on Little Traverse Lake and count myself one of the thousands of homeowners who cherish our fresh water paradise. I'm writing to urge my county to implement a meaningful set of rules to ensure that the thousands of septic systems in Leelanau meet certain safety and health standards. It's ironic that Michigan is one of the only states not to have safe septic system rules when we have access to the largest supply of freshwater in the world.

Some might say that a property owner has a right to do what she wants to on her land and shouldn't have her septic system subject to regulation. But that perceived 'right' doesn't trump others' right to safe soil and water. Beyond the safety and health benefits, an inspection and monitoring process is the fiscally responsible thing to do because it will catch problems while they are small enough to handle and avoid burdensome expenses that will result in lower property values and higher cleanup costs (some of which could be borne by the county).

Please develop a countywide septic system inspection and monitoring framework.

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