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Please distribute to all BOC members before the May11th meeting.

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Good evening- Darlene Doorlag-Centerville Township- District 5

I strongly and fully support the formation of a Lake Leelanau Preservation Board. I consider this matter both urgent and critical to our priceless natural resource Lake Leelanau. Lakes are only valuable to communities when they are kept clean and healthy.

Higher property values and thus higher tax revenues will be achieved with the creation of this board to protect all residents of the county This proposal must be acted upon with expediency and urgency. Your vote to approve the formation of this board will fund the continuation of the work that both the Lake Leelanau Lake Association and Leelanau Conservancy in cooperation with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians have only begun. It is no longer reasonable or possible for them to fund approximately \$150,000 annually to continue this project. This challenge is simply too big and too important for such small groups to address. We need a long term solution and we need it now.

You the BOC can vote tonight through a majority vote to approve the formation of this board as a first step toward preserving the lake for future generations to come. Not doing so will jeopardize the revenue from tourism as well as property taxes. Allowing this very invasive and fast spreading EWM to continue unfunded and unchecked will drop all our property values. It isn't just the riparians on Lake Leelanau but all of the property owners on the Leelanau Peninsula who will suffer big decreases in property value if this weed continues on its mission to choke out the lake. Fishing, boating, and swimming as we know it now is in dire trouble.

Lake Leelanau is the most important recreational, scenic, and economic asset we have in this county. The formation of this independent Preservation Board will provide a long term solution to eradicating this and any future problems. I am more than willing to pay my fair share of the much needed tax assessment to solve this very urgent problem. I am asking you to please vote yes to support the proposal tonight.

In closing I would like to say that we are not asking you to solve our problem but instead we are asking to be allowed to solve our own problem.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful attention. Darlene Doorlag

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