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Please forward to share this with all members of the BOC. Thank you.

Good morning. My name is Darlene Doorlag and I live in district 5 in Centerville Township. I am also a riparian on Lake Leelanau.

I am deeply concerned about our very beautiful Lake Leelanau. It is the backbone of our economy and tax revenues and its beauty exceeds all others.

The full page color ad on page 10 of the July 1st Leelanau Enterprise is filled with so much misinformation, scare tactics and fear it is hard to know where to start. To all these people hiding in the shadows, I say come forward and tell us who you are and why you are so adamantly opposed to the formation of a LLL Preservation Board.

Has it occurred to many of you who do not pay membership dues to start and join in the fight. Do you know that you can join for as little as \$25/year or name your own amount? Do you realize how much money could be raised for the LLLA if every riparian on the lake only paid \$25 annually in membership dues to them. Then there are all of you on lots that overlook spectacular views of our beautiful lake. Can you also spend a mere \$25 a year and join the LLLA to keep our lake and your view healthy and clean?

The LLLA has for 40 years been fantastic stewards of our beautiful lake. They have contributed their time, talent and expertise as volunteers and members. Over these years they have continually monitored water quality, provided lakeshore protection, boating safety, fishing, and swimmer's itch education and monitoring. They will continue to do these things in the future. So why now have they become the enemy and vilified by some nameless, bitter opposition group?

Eurasian Watermilfoil is a dire and extremely immediate threat. We must act now this year to preserve our precious resource. I have been out on the survey boat to see first hand where this devastating invasive species is thriving and spreading. The early warming of Lake Leelanau water has given it an extra boost to flourish and overgrow this year. There are numerous patches of it that have hit the surface and are already posing a threat to boating and fishing. Go look for yourselves first hand. The clock is ticking on this serious problem and action is needed immediately.

If this EWM is being spread by boats entering and exiting our lake I have another concern and question. Is the County Sheriffs's boat that is constantly in and out of all our county lakes contributing to the spread? Is that boat being washed and cleaned every time before entering our lake or any other lake on the peninsula ? It's a very real possibility that it is contributing to the problem.

So in conclusion I ask all of you on the BOC to fully support the formation of the Lake Leelanau Lake Preservation Board to fund and sustain the ongoing yearly task of fighting this menacing threat. You have offered no alternative way to fund this work. Thank you.