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Hello

Our family has had a presence on Lake Leelanau for over 50 years and maintains that presence to this very day. We have respected the preservation of the lake since our family took root here in the 60's—before some of you were even born. Over the last several decades we observed MANY changes made to the lake of which some were positive, however some impacted the lake negatively.

There is a concern regarding controlling the invasive species on the lake. This is something that should have been taken into consideration when a decision was made to start hosting all of the fishing tournaments. The individuals that participate in these tournaments go from lake to lake in an effort to win the big prize without any regards to the condition that they leave the lake or the invasive species that they bring to the lake.

It is not the property owners that are doing damage to the lake, rather it is the individuals who made the decision to allow these types events to transpire.....all in the name of revenue and profits....none of which the homeowners see a dime from.

Currently there is a move to create a board that the property owners are NOT allowed to vote on and do not have a say in ...all to address the invasive species. The property owners are already paying property taxes and have the right to VOTE on what is good for the overall good of their community. THIS INCLUDES whether or not a board can be created without their consent AND INCLUDES their VOTE on how the FUNDS should be raised for addressing the invasive species problem.

An EXCELLENT start would be to charge a FEE to the SPONSORS for these tournaments on the lake, as well as the PARTICIPANTS in the tournaments, since they are the major contributors to the issue.

It is NOT right to FORCE the property owners to pay for this IN ADDITION to their property taxes, then THREATEN to CONFISCATE their property if they don't pay the fees.

It is NOT right to strip them of their RIGHT to at least VOTE on any of this since they are paying YOUR SALARY!

If you are looking for revenue to address the invasive species issue, then start with those people who thought it was a good Idea to have tournaments at the lake in the first place.

It is NOT right for 6 or 7 people to make OPEN ENDED FINANCIAL decisions on the property owners wallets and then turn around and tell them that they don't have the RIGHT to vote on it. Then to add further INSULT to INJURY- threaten them with taking their property.

There is a way to accomplish what is best for the community, and creating a board without the VOTE of the landowners is NOT GOING to WORK.

You need to remember that this is STILL the UNITED STATES of AMERICA where a VOTE is your VOICE and the PROPERTY OWNERS need to be HEARD and RESPECTED.

THEY DESERVE the opportunity to VOTE on whether or not a board is created.

Respectfully

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