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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for taking the time to listen to and consider input provided by Leelanau County residents regarding the proposal to develop a Lake Leelanau Preservation Board. I spoke at this meeting, and wanted to share some final thoughts that I had following the meeting:

It seems we all agree on the importance of protecting Lake Leelanau. Payment for the interventions is a concern. Time is a luxury we do not have--as my understanding from Brian Price's input in the meeting is that we have a narrow window of time to stay ahead of the Eurasian Watermilfoil. Since finding a more equitable way to fund the protection of Lake Leelanau and determining what interventions are needed will take some time, could utilizing a portion of the American Rescue Money in the meantime be a consideration as a way to manage and perhaps get ahead of the EWM concerns? The county would be using that money to rescue a lake that benefits the entire community through tourism, property values, and quality of life.

Uniting the efforts and funding provided by the County Commission with the efforts and funding of the Lake Association seems like a wonderful way for our community to come together to protect this amazing and beautiful natural resource.

Sincerely,

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