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Hello,

My name is Tori Craig and I am a year-round resident of Leelanau County. I was encouraged when, following Eckerle's racist comments and a recognition of systemic racism, this board resolved to "commit its full attention to advocating for equality, equity, and improving the quality of life for all residents".

Unfortunately, I have been discouraged by the ongoing lack of action. Equality is not a partisan concern, and yet, the willingness to engage is falling across party lines. There is no question that our county has work to do in coordination with our neighbors, the sovereign tribal nation of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Peshawbestown is the only recognized village in the county without reduced speed on M22 within village limits. You can launch the effort for equity in road safety by commissioning a traffic study in partnership with GTB and MDOT.

Another needed effort is the representation of multiple faiths and spiritual beliefs in the opening prayer. By privileging Christianity, you are sending a message to your constituents and our neighbors that our diverse spiritualities are not welcome in Leelanau County.

You have a responsibility to live up to your resolution. Many of your constituents are available to support you in this effort and expecting your leadership.

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