From: Marian Kromkowski

To: Clerk

Subject: Letter for Sept 9 Special Meeting

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Dear Commissioners,

I have read all the letters published online as of 4:30 pm today. The two that I call special attention to are from Hillary Loomis-King, M.D., signed by 4 other Leelanau doctors, and from Munson Healthcare. These medical experts encourage following scientifically proven policies and interventions as to how best protect ourselves and others from contracting and/or spreading COVID. They stand with their partners at the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department. I encourage all the commissioners to read these letters and our Health Department's published COVID Updates. I have been impressed with the knowledge imparted by BLHD Director Lisa Peacock and her staff. Ms. Peacock has remained steadfast in following the science and reporting on the current advice as to how best protect ourselves and others from this ever mutating infectious virus. Under what circumstances would any of us totally disregard the advice of our own primary care physician and think we, non-expets, know best. I am also appalled by the personal attacks on Ms. Peacock's integrity that have flooded FB since Commissioner Lautner called for tonight's meeting. Many elected officials and/or county Department Heads may be hesitant to voice their opinion on this issue for a variety of reasons. I will not remain silent in the face of the call for a vote of no confidence in Lisa Peacock, for her removal and/or for cuts in funding in her budget that I expect will be made tonight. This is absolutely unwarranted and, if passed, will be an embarrassment that will go down in the history of any commissioner who supports and such measure. As for the tactics employed on FB against those who support vaccinations and masking, they must be called for what they are: bullying. We are better than this and should begin to act accordingly.

Sincerely, Hon. Marian Kromkowski Leelanau Probate/Family Court Judge

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