

**From:** [Esther Posner](#)  
**To:** [Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: In support of early childhood services in Leelanau County  
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I kindly ask that my letter be shared with all of the commissioners.  
Thank you very much.

On Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 2:37 PM Esther Posner <[estherposner@gmail.com](mailto:estherposner@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear respected government official(s),

It has recently been brought to my attention that a few members of the Leelanau Board of Commissions have moved to nullify the 2020 vote to support early childhood services in Leelanau County. This is an absolute disgrace to our country's democracy. The audacity to not only overturn the voters' decision, but more importantly, to deprive our county's most vulnerable population of voter-approved funding cannot be justified.

Supporting children's programs is not a political issue, it's an ethical issue, the cost is very minor, and Leelanau voters approved the measure in the 2020 election. The failure to fund the voter-approved children's programs in Leelanau County will hurt our children, the future of this county and society at large, who need tremendous support to succeed and live healthy, law-abiding lives in an ever-changing society. For the sake of democracy and Leelanau families, I implore you to ensure that the voters' decision is upheld.

These commissioners are on the verge of making negative national news once again. We cannot expect or encourage citizens to actively participate in elections if the results can be overturned by a very small group of individuals.

Thank you for understanding the urgency of this matter. It is not simply the millage that is at risk here, but the very foundation of our country's democracy itself. I trust you will choose to stand on the ethical side of history and take a stand to protect the voters' decision and to support children in Leelanau County.

Sincerely,  
Esther Posner, PhD  
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