

Commissioners,

My remarks will be brief. In each of the last two editions of the Enterprise, the headlines were about this BOC undermining our Benzie-Leelanau Health Department and its leadership. The first was your reaction to the mask mandate for school children, and the second about reducing funding for Early Childhood services to zero. There is a connection here, namely the disregard for the health of our young families in the county and your arrogance about what the citizens support.

Our Health Department is one of the tops in Michigan. It has worked for decades to provide services to our citizens while being underfunded, most notably by the state legislature. I served on the BOH for many years, and I can attest to the integrity of its leadership.

Thank you.

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