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Please have this distributed to all the commissioners before the upcoming meeting.

Thank you,  
Whitney Roberts

To the Board of Commissioners of Leelanau County,

My name is Whitney Roberts and I am a resident of the county and I am writing to you on two of the issues that you are currently considering: the funding of our Health Department and the creation of two new county departments.

First the Health Department:

I ask that you fully support our health department both publicly and financially. These are the folks charged with keeping us alive and healthy. They are tasked with using the best science available to direct us toward healthy behavior. Recently across the county, state and nation there are concentrated effort to dispute the activities of many health department using pseudo science and conspiracy theories. This has been leading some to question those who have dedicated their careers to protecting us and to attacks on their efforts to keep us healthy and direct us in best healthy practices. I ask you to resist this effort as it leads nowhere good.

Second the creation of two new departments:

Why? I have degree in administration and over 10 years experience in court administration and this is the first time I have seen such a proposal that was not backed with investigation, justification and a written rational. This is nothing but a frivolous use of our tax dollars and it is all the more shameful as it is coming from the very commissioners who consistently carp about reducing our taxes. This is idiocy as best. Please at least spend some time in open study of the issue if you must continue on this path, otherwise this is misfeasance at best or malfeasance at its worst.

Thank You,

Whitney Roberts  
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