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**Subject:** FW: Great Barrington Declaration

Dear Ms. Crocker; Please include this letter in the "public comments " for the County Board of Commissioners meeting 2/09/2021

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We strongly oppose the GBD. We have resided in the Grand Traverse area since 1972 and Leelanau County since 1994. I practiced as an Infectious Disease Consultant at Munson Medical Center since 1978 until my retirement in 2015. I also served as Medical Staff President at MMC, and President of the Michigan Infectious Disease Society. My wife was Executive Director of Infection Control Services and the Michigan Infectious Disease Society, as well as Board-member and Chair of the Munson Foundation.

The GBD has been tried in numerous countries and states resulting in dismal failures. The science continues to confirm the success of public health measures as recommended by the CDC. Herd immunity can be obtained safely by vaccination. Trying to reach that goal through widespread infection and death is wrong. The vaccines are arriving now; let's give them a chance. In a few/several months we will be on top of this pandemic without significant morbidity and mortality. Please do not approve/endorse the anti-science approach of GBD. Our public health physicians and scientists have shown us the best way to defeat a virus both now and in

the future.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership,

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