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October 20, 2020

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Via email at: arviatwellness@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Baker

RE: Letter of Support for the Aqqiumavvik Society's Proposal to the Climate Action and Awareness Fund

On behalf of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment (DOE), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the the Aqqiumavvik Society's *Assessment of the viability of goose harvesting as a response to food insecurity in Arviat* project proposal to the Climate Action and Awareness fund.

Climate Change is a serious concern for Nunavut as the North is warming three times faster than the rest of the world. In a large and geographically diverse territory like Nunavut, each community is impacted differently and faces local challenges. Community-based projects that monitor climate change impacts to wildlife, such as this one, helps in deepending local understanding of climate-related impacts and raises awareness of rapid environmental changes.

The Government of Nunavut's climate change adaptation strategy, Upagiaqtavut identifies research, education, and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit as main components of adaptation work in Nunavut. The Aqqiumavvik Society's proposal to conduct snow goose aligns with our strategy and helps to fulfill the goals.

The Aqqiumavvik Society has a long history of working to identify how climate change is impacting the community of Arviat through projects that address food security, healthy communities, and capacity building. DOE has worked with the Aqqiumavvik Society for multiple years on climate change and wildlife related projects, and is providing in-kind support for this project, including the use of lab space in Arviat.

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As this project involves migratory birds, which are regulated by the Government of Canada, it is strongly recommended that you contact federal offficials to ensure your pjoject adheres to relevant federal legislation.

DOE is supportive of the past and continued work of the Aqqiumavvik Society to build climate awareness through innovative and engaging community programming. We hope to continue our long-lasting partnership with Aqqiumavvik Society through this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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