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Ms. Shirley Tagalik
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Dear Ms. Tagalik,

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I would like to offer my support for the Aqqiumavvik Society's proposal to initiate a community-led research and monitoring program on the effects of climate change on Arctic nesting geese in Arviat, Nunavut in the monitoring of pathogens that affect the geese populations.

Our research scientist, Dr Berhane, has been involved in various projects involving in monitoring of exotic and emerging avian viruses in the Canadian wild and domestic bird populations. Our laboratory is a World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) reference center for many exotic animal diseases including avian influenza and others. Dr Berhane background is in veterinary medicine and he is a highly competent scientist with an extensive knowledge in avian diseases, classical and molecular virology, anatomic pathology and veterinary immunology. I strongly believe he and his staff will be a great asset to the project.

We strongly believe our collaboration on this project will help in the monitoring of various emerging diseases that might affect the various goose populations in Nunavut. Our agency is willing to contribute in kind \$25,000.00 in labor and consumables for the project per year.

I strongly support and encourage the formation and continuation of research collaborations between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease on projects that help improve the livelihood of Canadian indigenous population.

Kind regards,

Dr. John Copps
A/Laboratory Executive Director
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