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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Council and Mayor of the Hamlet of Kugaaruk, we are pleased to extend our full support for the Gray's Bay Road and Port project. This ambitious initiative represents a critical infrastructure development that will not only improve the accessibility of supplies and goods to our region but also create substantial economic opportunities for our community.

The Gray's Bay Road, as an all-season transportation route, has the potential to serve as a reliable alternative to the Mackenzie River, which will greatly benefit the supply chain in situations where other routes may be inaccessible. Additionally, the project holds promise for long-term regional development, with job creation, training programs, and career opportunities for our youth and local workforce.

We are particularly encouraged by the project's consideration of the environmental impact, including efforts to safeguard the caribou migration routes and control poaching in the area. The planned studies of the marine environment and ongoing adjustments to ensure the project's environmental sustainability demonstrate a commendable commitment to balancing economic growth with environmental stewardship.

With student employment opportunities beginning as early as April 2025 and the projected construction and operation timelines, we view this project as a significant investment in the future of our community and region. We are confident that the Gray's Bay Road and Port project will bring lasting benefits, both socially and economically, for years to come.

The Hamlet of Kugaaruk, its Council, and the Mayor are proud to support this transformative project, and we look forward to seeing its successful development.

Sincerely,

Teddy Apsaktaun

Mayor

Hamlet of Kugaaruk

On behalf of Council and Mayor