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To whom it may concern:

The Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization (EHTO) supports the *Sikunnguaq* project, the main goal of which is to improve sea ice travel safety. Our hunters are experiencing changing sea ice conditions, which makes travelling on the ice more dangerous. The project will combine satellite imagery with field-based airborne, drone and on-ice surveys to develop new ways to map sea ice travel hazards including rough ice, slush zones, and thin ice areas. New satellite technologies will allow them to better detect these hazardous features than before and to share them with community members. We have worked with SmartICE for many years and support their community-based ice monitoring and mapping approaches.

Sincerely,

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