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Re: Arctic Pollution in a One Health Perspective wholehearted support letter

In collaborative discussions with Dr. Chen and Dr. Song, we were delighted to discover that our community-based concern over microplastics, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and oil pollutants were already on their radar and being taken seriously. These toxicities are caused by careless oil spills and industrial leaks, mainly, but now affect us all, coming up through the food chain, the soil and the water. This is a terrifying prospect to non-academics and the Elders of the Inuit traditional society, both.

In Dr. Chen and Dr. Song, not only do we find the expertise to do the appropriate research, but their careful methodology of including the local people to tap into their land-based observations, while explaining in plain language how their research will unfold, brings us the collaboration, which the Inuit want. The ensuing benefits will stand as a great credit to Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, where all eight traditional wisdom principles can apply: Inuuqatigiitsiarniq: Respecting others, relationships and caring for people; Pijitsirniq: Serving and providing for family and/or community; Pilimmaksarniq: Development of skills through observation, mentoring, practice and effort; Piliriqatigiinni: working together for a common cause; Tunngarnarniq: Fostering good spirits of being open, welcoming and inclusive; Aajiiqatigiinni: Decision making through discussion and consensus; Qanuqtuurniq: Being innovative and resourceful and Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq: Respect and care for the land, animals and the environment.

We support their research wholeheartedly,

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