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Sent via regular mail and email

Re: <u>Congratulations from the Nunavut Impact Review Board regarding your re-election as President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami</u>

Dear Natan Obed:

On behalf of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), I am pleased to offer our congratulations on your recent re-election as President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. The NIRB is delighted that you will be able to continue to bring your personal experience and understanding of Nunavut and Inuit to this very important position during a crucial time for our Territory. I am also personally pleased to see you have been empowered to continue your efforts advancing Inuit perspectives and issues of concern, recognizing the significant progress achieved by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami to date under your leadership.

The NIRB's primary objective is to ensure that development in Nunavut protects and promotes the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area while protecting the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area. As Nunavut's impact assessment agency, the NIRB continues to advocate for the establishment of a formal participant funding program for Nunavut, to ensure Inuit are afforded the same opportunity and support for effectively participating in the impact assessment process that other Canadians enjoy throughout most jurisdictions of the country. We look forward to working with you and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami to advance this and other issues moving forward to enhance the active participation of Inuit in all our processes.

The NIRB wishes you every success in the important work ahead in your position as President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson, Nunavut Impact Review Board

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