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Dear Hamlet Council,

I want to express my gratitude for your time in reading my letter. I see the council faces many challenges and you all make sacrifices for the community of Mittimatalik. It takes strength and courage to sit in your seat to practice sound mind and critical thinking for the best interest of the community and its future. It is my understanding that Baffinland's Proposal for Phase 2 expansion is no exception to the pressures and challenges you face as a board. It is felt throughout the affected communities which is influencing the whole Territory.

Mittimatalik is unique entirely and yet we are placed in a unique position regarding the Proposal. I have initially been apprehensive to the idea of the expansion of Baffinland and explored the pros and cons and what it would look like if it were to move forward to Phase 2 or if it were to shut down entirely. After much thought, I have decided to support the Phase 2 proposal. I have seen many positive things come out of the mine, a lot of which are not expressed enough. The creation of QAJAQ Northern Builders Inc being one example. It is an Inuit own business which I co-own. Although our company is still in its infancy, we are fortunate to employ 16 Inuit and we continue to seek more Inuit to employ and take advantage of the opportunities of the mine.

These 16 Inuit we employ are from Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Clyde River and Iqaluit. I see many positive things Baffinland has brought to our community. Another co-owner of our firm is from Arctic Bay. Inuit are gaining confidence and experience. Inuit are bringing food on the table amidst the poverty and food insecurity we face. There are many opportunities this has presented to many, including me and the many Inuit I aspire to support. When Inuit are given more opportunities in economic development they are given tools to survive in the world we now live in. We Inuit have gone through so much, however, we are fortunate with the opportunities that are presented to us which could give us the financial ability to stand on our own by earning good income without having to heavily rely on the government. We have been the ward of the state in the 1970s, which lead to Inuit rising and the creation of Nunavut and the Nunavut Agreement (NA). With that, we have more control and power over our territory.

We can use the NA, IIBA and ICA to move forward with Baffinland in their expansion in Phase 2 and give Inuit many benefits not only in Pond Inlet but in the neighboring communities.

I see a bright future for Inuit if Baffinland's Proposal for Phase 2 were to be approved. An elder had said to me to not regret that Inuit now pursue employment and income, as it is equivalent to the hunting; both require work to thrive. We have proven that we can balance the wage and subsistence economy. We have success in revitalizing and sustaining our Inuit lifestyle and heritage, I say it is time to be successful in the wage economy as well.

Again, thank you for your time in reading my letter as I express my support for Baffinland's Phase 2 proposal. I want to continue to employ the 16 Inuit who work hard to support and feed their families. I want to continue in hiring more Inuit and giving them support in gaining experience, confidence, and a better quality of life. I want to be there to shape the expansion of the mine, with a seat at the table for all Nunavummiut.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jena Nulit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jena