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Honourable Joe Savikataaq  
Minister of Economic Development and Transportation  
P.O. Box 1000, Stn. 200  
Iqaluit, Nunavut  
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Dear Minister Savikataaq:

**RE: Runway extension in Baker Lake**

A concern continuously raised in our community is that commercial jet service is not offered, even though jet service for cargo does occur.

This has been a discussion at many past councils and was discussed again at our April 10th 2018 Council session. We are not sure about the technical side of this issue but would appreciate if your Department could revisit this matter and plan to extend the runway, if required, to allow jet service for our community.

Given our current situation and proximity to Rankin Inlet (Baker Lake could be an alternate) it only makes sense that jet service should be available in our community. I would welcome a call or a visit from you or your staff to discuss this matter in greater detail and prepare a go forward plan.

I thank you for your attention and look forward to a positive response.

Respectfully,

Shawn Atiungai  
Mayor

Cc Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak MLA, Baker Lake