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Hon. Paul Quassa
Minister of Education
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister;

The Hamlet Council of Baker Lake along with Anigo Eagle Mining strongly feel that there should be a university to fill the needs of Nunavut. Presently, graduates in Nunavut who want to obtain a university degree has to do so outside of Nunavut. Inuit graduates should have the right to attend a university in their home territory and that university should be located at Baker Lake. Baker Lake is a vibrant, growing community with a healthy economy and lots of room for expansion. Therefore, we are asking you, as the Minister of Education to propose to the Nunavut Legislature that a "University of the Arctic" be built at Baker Lake to serve the education needs of all Nunavutimuit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Denise Tapatai
Mayor of Baker Lake

cc Simeon Mikkungwak
MLA, Baker Lake

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**Simeon Mikkungwak, MLA
Baker Lake
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Support for a future Nunavut University

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a letter from the Hamlet of Baker Lake supporting the establishment of Nunavut's "University of the Arctic" in Baker Lake.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that studies commissioned by the Department of Education have shown that it is not viable to establish a university in Nunavut at this time. However, the next government will no doubt once again be addressing education as a priority. I would like it to go on the record that if a university were to once again be considered for Nunavut then Baker Lake, the geographic centre of Canada, would be an ideal location for it.

Thank you.