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To the Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Affairs:

Request: Removal or amendment of section 112 of the *Cities, Towns, and Villages Act R.S.N.W.T. (Nu) 1988, c.C-8* and section 112 of the *Hamlets Act R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c.H-1*

**Introduction**

It has come to the attention of the Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce that section 112 of the Hamlet Act is a detriment to legitimate business development in Nunavut.

**“112. No business licence shall be issued by a municipal corporation unless the application is accompanied by a certificate in a form prescribed by regulation stating that the business is in compliance with the *Workers' Compensation Act.*”**

**Background**

Discussions with WSCC representatives informed that the above requirement became an administrative burden to WSCC and therefore an administration charge of \$200 was created to offset their costs. Discussions with Economic Development Officers and entrepreneurs in Nunavut have shown that the \$200 fee is a roadblock to acquiring a business license and therefore legitimate business operations in Nunavut. Numerous individuals with small business ideas have opted out of obtaining a business licence from their Hamlet because of the \$200 fee. Some have continued their businesses unlicensed and are therefore losing the benefits of having a registered business.

**Conclusion**

The Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce, along with other Chambers of Commerce in Nunavut, signatures included, believe that this section of the Hamlets Act is not only unnecessary but an impediment to economic development in our territory.

**Recommendation**

We understand the WSCC is important in promoting worker safety and advise that when Hamlets change their business bylaws to reflect the change in section 112, that they require only businesses with employees to provide a WSCC certificate of compliance.

Sincerely,

  
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Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce

25 October 2018  
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Date

Name, Position Cynthia Ene, Executive Director, Kitikmeot Chamber of Commerce



**We the undersigned make the following request:**

Removal or amendment of section 112 of the *Cities, Towns, and Villages Act R.S.N.W.T. (Nu) 1988, c.C-8* and section 112 of the *Hamlets Act R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c.H-1* for the purpose of promoting legitimate business development in Nunavut.

**Suggested Amendment:**


“112. No business licence shall be issued by a municipal corporation unless the application is accompanied by a certificate in a form prescribed by regulation stating that the business is in compliance with the *Workers' Compensation Act*, **if the business has employees.**”

  
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Date

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