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Dear Minister Bennett:

For many years, representatives from the community of Hall Beach have made significant efforts to seek recognition and compensation for the devastating impacts that resulted from the events of 1968, when the federal government of the day caused the Hall Beach graveyard to be re-located. As you are likely aware, this incident was authoritatively and recently documented by the Qikiqtani Truth Commission as part of its work to move towards reconciliation.

Previous federal governments refused to acknowledge and recognize any federal involvement in, or responsibility for, this tragic situation.

Recognizing that our current federal government has committed itself to respecting the rights and experiences of indigenous peoples, and having shown that it is willing to redress past abuse, I am therefore requesting that you re-open this file and give further consideration to providing compensation to the last remaining survivor of this traumatic episode for what they went through.

I am attaching copies of a number of items of correspondence related to this issue for your reference.

I look forward to your reply.

John

**Joelie Kaernek, MLA
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c.c. Member of the Legislative Assembly for Aggu
Member of Parliament for Nunavut
Senator for Nunavut
Mayor and Council of Hall Beach
President, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

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Dear Mr. Kaernek:

Thank you for your letter of October 3, 2018, regarding the Government of Canada's position concerning the matter of compensation for the community of Hall Beach. I regret the delay in responding.

We recognize that this event has been documented in the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's community profiles. As a member of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's Saimaqatiingniq Working Group, we will be working together with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and other stakeholders to continue finding ways to support and implement the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's recommendations while advancing reconciliation.

Moving forward, Government of Canada officials will be in contact to further discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Hunter Tootoo, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Paul Quassa, M.L.A.
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