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Honourable Paul Quassa, MLA
Premier of Nunavut and Minister responsible for Seniors
Office of the Premier
Legislative Assembly Building
Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0

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Dear Premier Quassa:

I am writing to you with respect to the very great need for Nunavut-based services for Elders and the government's role in supporting efforts to provide those services in our communities.

I note that you have recently assumed the role of "Minister responsible for Seniors" and look forward to receiving information on the activities and programs which will be addressed under this portfolio. In particular, I would be interested in any initiatives you may be considering to establish partnerships with non-government entities to provide services to Elders and Seniors across Nunavut.

I am confident that you will be aware that the number of Elders and Seniors in Nunavut with chronic health issues continues to grow. It is very important that adequate facility spaces and services for long-term care and palliative care services are made available to those who need them as close to home as possible.

During our recent sitting of the Legislative Assembly, you will recall that I spoke about the Hamlet of Kugluktuk's proposal to build a 24-hour Long Term Care facility in the community of Kugluktuk. With the support of the Government of Nunavut, through a service agreement, establishing such a facility in the community would permit many more of our Elders to stay close to their home and culture as they require more care and support.

On behalf of the Hamlet of Kugluktuk, I would like to ask for your support for this initiative, both as Premier and as Minister responsible for Seniors, and your commitment to work with the Minister of Health to give full consideration to the Hamlet of Kugluktuk's proposal to build a 24-hour Long Term Care facility in the community of Kugluktuk.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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