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In addition to accessibility, and the ability to remain within the Nunavut bubble during the pandemic, the lack of flights has had serious long-term economic implications for Sanikiluaq, which is already mostly neglected in policy developed for Nunavut. The lack of transport within Nunavut effectively excludes Sanikiluaq from the majority of the economy of Nunavut. Bringing in a contractor from within Nunavut to Sanikiluaq, or for that matter Sanikiluaq being able to provide services to other Nunavummiut, is precluded by the time and cost of travel. In 2019, six days of travel were required by a QIA employee to visit Sanikiluaq and engage for a 2 day meeting. To-date, this travel issue has meant Sanikiluaq is often left out of important opportunities. Unlike any other Nunavut community, hiring a company in Iqaluit to provide a basic service in Sanikiluaq adds an additional minimum of \$24,000 to the cost, as they are required to book charters each way. These individuals and the GN could easily make travel work based on 2 scheduled small aircraft flights a week at mutual benefit and cost savings. This would provide a substantial increase in possibilities for economic development in Sanikiluaq, allow industry and government to together help subsidize flights for Sanikiluaq residents, as well as facilitate proper engagement in cultural, educational, professional and other activities, travel to visit family members in other communities and when sick or for bereavement, and the basic rights of within territory travel afforded to every other Nunavut community. It would also have an important impact on Sanikiluaq youth being more likely to further their education in Iqaluit if they had the support of a scheduled flight to alleviate the extensive sense of isolation cause by the current lack of flights.

We propose the weekly flight on Monday and Fridays, arriving in the morning and possibly staging for an evening departure. This would allow individuals, such as those GN employees that regularly travel for

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