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Rankin Inlet, N.W.T.,  
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November 7, 1979

The Honourable David Crombie, M.P.,  
Minister of Health and Welfare,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Crombie:

PETITION: IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES

We the undersigned petition the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Government of Canada to provide the residents of Rankin Inlet, N.W.T. with the services of Eye Specialists and Dental Services.

Visitations of specialists to the Keewatin Region have been infrequent to the point of neglect, to the detriment of the health and welfare of adults and children, and, also, so as to place a personal extra financial burden on residents. We consider this situation to be critical and to require immediate resolution.

It is becoming apparent that the residents of the Keewatin Region are not receiving the kind of special medical services which are much required by many individuals who live here. This type of situation has been occurring time and time again that we the undersigned decided to demand of your Department to strongly recommend for improved health services.

In this particular petition which we are sending to you we are concerned about the lack of regular visits made to this community of about 1000 residents by your Department's eye specialists and dental services. There are many Rankin Inlet residents who do require such services but, because of unavailability of eye specialists and dental services, their requirement are often not met. As you are fully aware it is very expensive to visit such specialists in Churchill or Winnipeg from Rankin Inlet because of very high airline and accomodation costs, and airlines are the only source of transportation for Keewatin residents to Southern Canada.

As you know and as you are aware, the problem of the nature mentioned in this petition is simply not going to disappear on its own.

We are aware of the fact that there are budget cuts within your Department as well in other Government Departments, however the type of services which we are asking your Department to have a closer look at are indeed very much required in our community.

In light of the above, we further petition your Department to have visits to the Keewatin Region by eye specialists and dental services, four times per year. In this manner those who require such services can have examinations done on a regular basis.

Finally, we the undersigned petition your Department to have eye specialists and dental services to visit this community before Christmas Season begins.

We hope that you will take this into most serious consideration.  
Thank you.

Signed by:

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