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Dear Sir:

In reference to our telephone conversation this letter is to confirm our concern with the lack of a new freezer facility in our community. As you may be aware the idea for a processing facility and freezer originated in Arctic Bay. This HTA on its own submitted a proposal through Special ARDA for these facilities. This proposal was pasted on to Department of Renewable Resources who felt that this proposal should be offered to all the other communities in Barfin and a person was hired by the government to draft and submit the application on behalf of the other eleven communities. The proposal was for about 1.3 million and it was approved by the ARDA board. It should be noted that some of the communities that recieved these freezers were not even aware that the government was making application for them.

The Arctic Bay proposal (the original application) was also approved but this proposal was far inferior to the application made by the government on behalf of the other communities. This original offer was not excepted by our HTA for the following reasons: the original proposal made no provisions for training of personnel to use the facilities, there was no provisions for a new freezer and, there was no materials for a new building in our proposal, but all of these were offered in the proposal offered by the government drafted proposal.

Our hamlet council has brought this concern to the BRC and we are now recieving assistance from the Dept. of Economic Develope in our application for a processing facility equal the ones in the other communities. But Special ARDA has changed the rules and is not approving the applications for community freezers any more. Our freezer is approximately 15 years old and only running on one of the two compressers and this compressor is in very poor condition(it will not last the summer). The freezer is also very small and does not meet the requirements of the community. We definitely require a new freezer. ARDA has directed that community freezers are the responsibility of the Gov't of NWT and the Dept. of Local Government. Our hamlet council has approached Local Government and they have advised that if this community wants a new freezer that the hamlet will have to purchase it on their own (our hamlet can not afford to purchase a new freezer).

As you can see we have been very patient and we have tried to go through the proper channels but this has been unproductive. It is very frustrating for this HTA and the residence of this community when we try and help ourselves and have the government get involved and give our ideas to other communities that do not even ask for the help or services. But when we ask for our ideas to be put into our community the government tells us that we will have to pay for it ourselves. Ludy, we are not asking for anything extra, we just want to get the same facilities as our neighbours at the same cost. So what we are looking for is: a new community freezer, funds for the training of personnel to work in the processing plant, and support from the government to subsidize the heating cost of the buildings. Also for your information it has been learned that the original funding of 1.3 million for the community freezers has a surplus of \$300,000.00. Any assistance that you can give in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you require any further information please contact our office in the afternoons during weekdays.



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