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Dear Mr. Emerk

As a resident of the NWT and a concerned citizen, I wish to express my concern that child care programs across the north are facing serious financial difficulty and impending closures. The possibility that quality care will soon not be available has become a reality and demands government action in the form of immediate financial assistance.

The Government of the NWT has taken an important first step in developing child care standards, but now it must ensure that funding is also provided to enable child care operations to continue offering quality programs and care. Territorial funds must be allocated in the budget regardless of the status of cost-sharing negotiations with the Federal Government.

As an elected official and my representative, I ask you to bring these concerns to the attention of our government and to lobby the Minister of Social Services, other members of the Executive Council and other MLA's on our behalf for a satisfactory solution to this critical problem.

Yours truly

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