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Honourable Tom Butters
Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs
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Dear Mr. Butters:

The members of our Hamlet caucus have learned that the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is planning to change the guidelines for the cost accounting for the water and sewage services subsidy program. Concern has been expressed about the changes, and the effects these changes will have on hamlet funding.

When the water/sewage services subsidy program was introduced three years ago, Hamlet Councils were given no opportunity for consultation with your Department on this new program. There was a time span of less than two months between the announcement of the program, and its implementation on April 1, 1987.

A number of municipalities have already written to you directly on the subject of the proposed changes to the water/sewage cost accounting program. In reviewing these comments we feel that some valid arguments against the proposed changes have been raised. The NWT Association of Municipalities is requesting that the implementation of the changes be delayed the Hamlet Councils have been fully consulted, and their views taken into consideration.

Yours truly,

Mayor Pat McMahon
President
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