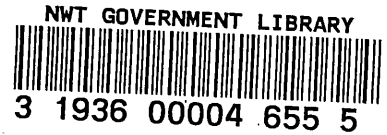


January 19, 1991

Jeannie Marie-Jewell,  
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Government of the Northwest Territories,  
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Dear Ms. Marie-Jewell:

**RE: INSTITUTION OF A RESPITE CARE POLICY**

The Baffin Council for Disabled Persons is a coalition of people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities who live in the Baffin. We held a meeting in Iqaluit from January 18-20, 1991 to discuss our goals and issues that concern people with disabilities.

We are unanimous in our recommendation that the Government of the Northwest Territories institute a respite care policy for people with disabilities and their families.

As parents who provide quality care for our children with disabilities, we need a program that gives us a break so that we do not get over-stressed. If the government believes that children with disabilities should remain in their own homes, then support for these parents through a respite program is essential.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*DAVID ISSIGAITOK*

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