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The Honourable Tom Siddon, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Mr. Siddon:

We were disappointed to hear about your decision to cut funding to the N.W.T. Land Use Planning Program and ask that you reconsider this drastic action. Although there have been problems in starting the program, recent results have been very encouraging. The Lancaster Sound Regional Plan was approved and is currently being implemented; both the Mackenzie Delta/Beaufort Sea Regional Plan and the Keewatin Regional Plan will be completed in 1991; the Sahtu Regional Plan will be completed in 1992; the West Kitikmeot region was scheduled to begin in 1991 and a second planning region in Denendeh was scheduled to start in 1992.

Program costs may have seemed high but community participation and involvement has been greater than most other government initiatives. Communities were receiving a substantial portion of the dollars spent on the program. As well, native organizations have been participating in the program in anticipation of carrying the process through after land claims are settled. Cancellation of funding will be seen as a loss of faith in the process by the Federal Government.

In conclusion, I would ask that you seriously reconsider your decision regarding cancellation of this program.

Yours sincerely,

Titus Allooloo,
Minister