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Dear Ipeelee Kilabuck,

I am writing to you to ask for your support as my M.L.A. in urging the G.N.W.T. to provide adequate, affordable housing for teaching staff. I live in Broughton Island where we have only 4 G.N.W.T. houses for 10 staff members. Last year 4 teachers were sharing in 2 houses and I was one of the 4. Luckily, the other teacher and I got along well but I know of teachers in other communities who have resigned because they had to share with a complete stranger and the living arrangements did not work out. Your support in helping us receive the 2 housing units we were promised last year would also be most appreciated.

Also in December, teachers received a letter telling us of changes in the G.N.W.T. housing policy. The policy changes were approved by the Legislative Assembly. One of the changes states that employees who are overaccommodated will no longer receive subsidized rent. That means that a single person who has been put in a 2 or 3 bedroom house because that was the unit available will now face a rent increase of as much as 40%. This extreme rent increase is going to have a great effect on teacher turnover. It will become increasingly difficult to encourage teachers to stay and to encourage teachers to come North.

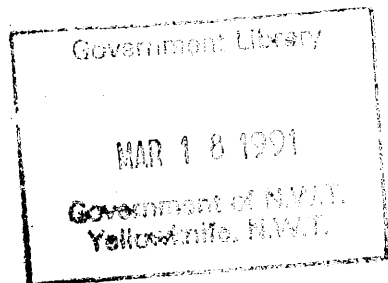
I am asking for your support in bringing my concerns to the Legislative Assembly and in putting forth a motion to remove the over-accommodation clause.

I look forward to hearing from you soon with your reply.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lee

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