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Capital Budgets - Allocation of 1% on Arts and Crafts

This letter is to support your proposal on the 1% art allocation on your Capital Budget, to be tabled at the next session of the legislative assembly.

In the short-term there is a requirement for a commitment to arts and crafts by the Government of the NWT.

During the recessionary period, which has had a very negative impact on northern art, moreso in some communities like the major carving centres such as Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse Bay and Coral Harbour, this initiative would show some encouragement to the producer Co-ops and the individuals affected by the recession.

In the long-term, Government of the Northwest Territories' displaying and promoting northern arts and crafts will have a positive impact on the visitors to the Northwest Territories and its government offices. This direct promotion of the northern artists, is very much supported and welcomed by the arts and crafts industry.

In closing, I thank you for your deliberation and vote to support the 1% arts allocation in your Capital Budget as a means to further the artists and the marketing agency in your constituency. It is appreciated by both.

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