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Dear Peter;

RE: PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE KATAUJAQ SOCIETY DAY CARE CENTRE

As you are aware sir, the necessity for quality child care has been an issue in Rankin Inlet and in the Keewatin Region for many years. Through the efforts and energy of many committed people and with your consistent and much appreciated support, Mr. Ernerk, the Kataujaq Society has been able to respond to the need for this service.

The problem faced by our community residents is that the demand for day care greatly exceeds the supply. We simply do not have enough space in our centre to accommodate the rising number of children who require care.

The Kataujaq Society recognized that this problem was developing several years ago. The organization has been working towards the expansion of the facility since 1988. We are pleased to report that most of the hurdles to the expansion of the centre have been surmounted. The final obstacle which lies before us is funding. We hope to be able to secure funding in order to proceed with an addition to our day care building by July of 1991.

Predictably, the response to the expansion of the day care centre has been overwhelmingly favorable. The project has received the expressed written support of parents, individuals, our hamlet and several other community organizations. Technical consultation and architectural drawings are being provided by the Department of Public Works, (Mr. John Van Vliet, Assistant Regional Superintendent On The Job Training funds and support labour have been committed by Advanced Education and Arctic College, (Mr. Tom Thompson and Mr. Micheal Shouldice). According to the estimate submitted by Mr. Van Vliet the total cost of the project will be approximately \$80,000.00.

The expansion will create five additional child care spaces and one full time permanent day care worker position. Construction employment for residents of our community will be created for approximately eight weeks.

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Since the provision of day care service is included in the mandate of the Department of Social Services our Society has submitted a request to the Honorable Jeannie Marie-Jewell to secure a funding committment to enable construction to begin as soon as possible.

With the combined efforts of individuals and organizations in our community and cooperation and support from the G.N.W.T. we hope to be able to offer additional child care spaces to our residents in the very near future.

Mr. Ernerk, we will keep you posted on the Society's progress on the expansion of the day care centre. Thank you very much for your consistent support of the efforts of our organization.

Sincerely,

For: The Board of Directors Kataujaq Society