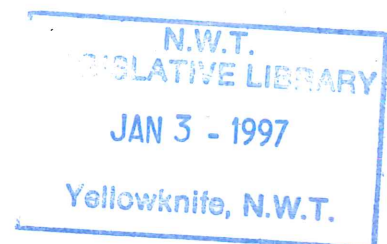


## TABLING STATEMENT



**MEMBER:** MR. DAVID KRUTKO MLA - MACKENZIE DELTA  
**TOPIC:** ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELLOR TRAINING

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a letter I received from the students of the Dene Cultural Institute's Alcohol and Drug Certification Program. The letter is dated January 29, 1997 and is addressed to the Ministers of Education, Culture and Employment and Social Services.



January 29, 1997

Hon. Ministers of Education, Culture and Employment Programs  
and Social Services  
Legislative Assembly  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.  
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Dear Ministers,

The government's policies regarding community transfer have created opportunities for communities to have more control and authority over programs, and also an urgent need for certified Alcohol and Drug Counsellors to get the training that will give them the ability to design and manage social programs associated with wellness in communities.

The transfer of social programs is a very important step toward having strong and healthy communities, but it is also important to have fully qualified people at the community level to help develop and manage these programs so that people in the communities benefit to the greatest degree possible.

We strongly believe it will be a major investment by government and communities to support the Alcohol and Drug Counsellor Diploma program, as proposed by the Dene Cultural Institute, in order to continue working to help the students of today and the past to take the step they need to help heal their communities. By investing in the training of northerners, government will spend less on outside resources; communities will be better able to solve their own problems. The opportunities are there, but many people are simply not ready to take on these responsibilities; they need the qualifications the diploma program has to offer.

The D.C.I training program is very unique, with a cultural setting, and not only educates but offers the opportunity for students to heal themselves. The effectiveness of the training is so great that it has a very high success rate.

By supporting the diploma program, the government will strengthen its partnership with aboriginal people at the community level who are working to pave the way for healthy communities for people of today and for future generations.

In closing, we want to thank you for the support you've given to this program to date. We have all benefitted, personally and professionally.

Our respect to all,

The students of the Dene Cultural Institute's Alcohol and Drug Certificate Program

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