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August 19, 1997

The Honourable Goo Arlooktoo M.L.A., Baffin South Yellowknife, NT. X1A 2L9

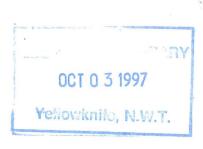
Dear Goo:

RE: Public Concern for Recommended Electoral Boundaries

I want to express my concern and views on the recommended electoral boundaries for Nunavut. I have a very strong feeling that Sanikiluaq should have its own riding, and that the public's money will be better managed if Sanikiluaq has its own M.L.A.

Our population growth is high, and we are geographically remote from all other communities and regions of Nunavut including Whale Cove. Although Whale Cove and Sanikiluaq are both in Hudson Bay and appear connected on a map, there are no transportation links between the two communities and the M.L.A. will have to travel via Winnipeg and Montreal to reach either community. Also, Sanikiluaq is in the Baffin administration region and Whale Cove is in Keewatin administration region which will make it very difficult for the M.L.A to deal fairly with the concerns of both communities.

I feel that the people of Sanikiluaq are a separate and distinct people because we have lived in islands and have no connection or commonality with other communities. It proves that we are isolated from other communities because the Boundaries Commission didn't come to our community for public hearings due to time and lack of money.



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For these reasons, I ask for your support in encouraging the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly to reconsider the Electoral Boundaries Commission's recommendation that Sanikiluaq and Whale Cove share a riding, and that Sanikiluaq be given its own riding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Kattuk

Mayor