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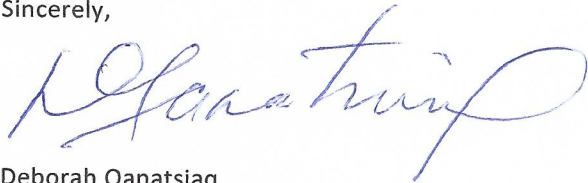
Dear Nunavut Planning Commission:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Baffinland Iron Mine to move forward with the NIRB Hearing on the proposed railway.

In Hall Beach, Nunavut where employment opportunities are very scarce as it's not one of the decentralized communities for the GN, Baffinland has had the opportunity to change this. I see my fellow community members working; who otherwise wouldn't be working and providing for their families, enhancing their lives for better without poverty. A lot of people who would otherwise be unemployed and being on Income Support Assistance are working and are earning a good living. Baffinland has changed lives for better, combating poverty for the Amitturmiut regions. More High School Youth are wanting to further their education because of the opportunities that they see within Baffinland Iron Mines which is excellent as, if they want to stay in Hall Beach and work with the level of education that they obtain would be next to impossible to be employed if we didn't have Baffinland Iron Mines opportunities. It is quite guaranteed that the standard of living in Hall Beach residents, whether working or not working for Baffinland (Inuit help each other a lot) has improved for many since the Mary River mine site had started. It would be disheartening to see the NIRB Process cancelled as many young people with children will become unemployed with a bleak future in Hall Beach with no possibility of obtaining employment with the skills that they gain and this will contribute more to poverty in families including children.

I want to thank you for your time in reading this support letter.

Sincerely,



Deborah Qanatsiaq

Enclosure