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Dear Ms. Akesuk and Ms. Kotierk:

Thank you for your co-signed letter of July 20, 2017, sharing the views of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, regarding Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's request to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan filed with the Nunavut Planning Commission on March 17, 2017. I regret the delay in responding.

The proposal is in the hands of the Nunavut Planning Commission to process according to the Nunavut Agreement, the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, and the Commission's procedures. Departmental officials have conveyed the expectation that the Commission will proceed with its duty in an expeditious manner.

I commend you on your strong advocacy for public participation and share your commitment to ensuring the public is engaged. I also recognize, just as you do, that many effective options are available to the Commission to acquire the public input necessary to process this amendment request.

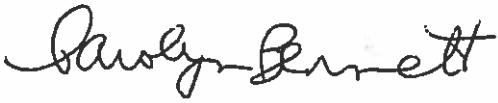
I trust that the Commission will strongly consider your letter and alternative methods of achieving public participation in how it proceeds with its consideration of the proposal to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

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I appreciate you bringing your views to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carolyn Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

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