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Chief Louis Balsillie
Deninu K'ue First Nation
PO Box 1899
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 0M0

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North Slave Métis Alliance
PO Box 2301
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Garry Bailey, President
Northwest Territory Metis Nation
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Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0

Dear Mr. Bailey:

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Tlicho Government
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