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**Ms. JoAnne Deneron, Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
200 Scotia Centre, 5102-50th Ave.
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7**

RE: Letter of Support for the Mackenzie Valley Highway

Dear Deneron,

On behalf of the Tlegohli Go'tine Government Incorporated ("TGG"), I write to you in support of constructing the Mackenzie Valley Highway ("MVH"). We believe that the MVH will be a vital to Canada's national defense and sovereignty by connecting the North with the rest of Canada.

We also firmly believe the MVH will lessen the overall dependence on seasonal barges and winter road access, which, as you are aware, has been adversely impacted by climate change and natural disasters such as wildfires. As a result, Northern communities have experienced significant increases in costs of living, which contributed to barriers to the quality of life that we, Northern and Indigenous communities should have equal access to.

Furthermore, the MVH will finally connect the Sahtu communities and allow year-round access. As we know, even though the North is large, and families are far from each other, and though difficult for us, we managed to find ways to visit each other when we can afford to do so or when weather permits – but with Canada as a developed country, should this still be the reason?

If you have additional inquiries, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sherry Hodgson".

Sherry Hodgson
President