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Aivilik MLA Solomon Malliki RE: Naujaat Runway Extension

I am writing to you on behalf of the Hamlet Council of Naujaat. In our most recent meeting Council had brought up the urgent need of an extension on our airport runway in Naujaat. The airlines have confirmed that there is about 100-150 feet minimum required extension in order to provide larger load of much needed freight. Council spoke on the need to maximize cargo capacity for Naujaat in order to help slow down the rising cost of food and goods sold in our local retail stores. The extension is a costly project, that we understand, but this would provide long term benefits for the community.

Qujannamiik/Thank you

Kevin Tegumiar

Mayor, Hamlet of Naujaat

RE: Calm Air Letter of Support for a Naujaat Runway Extension

Calm Air is writing this letter of support for an extension to the Naujaat runway.

Essential Service:

Calm Air provides essential Scheduled Air Services, Cargo and Charter air services to Naujaat. Regular service, regardless of passenger loads, is vital to maintaining the communities' connectivity with essential services - groceries, pharmacy, medical appointments, essential supplies, etc.

Runway Length:

Several of the airports that Calm Air operates scheduled service are too short and are inhibiting reliable service in those communities. The runway that causes Calm Air the biggest issues is Naujaat airport. At 3400 feet long, it is 15% shorter than most other runways that Calm Air operates scheduled service into. Aircraft that are large enough to carry the people and cargo, as well as have a washroom and flight attendant are severely restricted into this airport by aircraft performance and during poor weather with icing we may not even be able to land.

An increase in the runway length of 600 feet in Naujaat (from 3400 feet long up to 4000 feet long) would bring it into line with other Kivallig Region airports and is essential for reliable air service in the future. With 600 feet being the minimum request, further increases to the runway length would mean that our aircraft could carry closer to a full payload, depending on the length extended to. Full payloads reduce the cost burden of Calm Air, leading to lower prices over the klong term.

Sincerely,

Gary Bell President

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