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October 28, 2024

Mr. Quqqiaq,

Thank you for tabling the letter from the Hamlet of Kugaaruk on October 23, 2024, expressing concerns for the weather observer function at our airports for both in the community of Kugaaruk and across the Territory. Your letter highlights the critical need for accurate weather information, which is essential for safe aviation operations in Nunavut. Your concern that the inability to accurately share the status of weather is shared by me, and you have my commitment to the advocacy of such.

While a federal mandate/responsibility the function of weather observation is managed by a third party with oversight of NAV Canada, as you have indicated in your letter. I assure you that my Department of Economic Development and Transportation is actively addressing the challenges impacting Nunavut's Community Aerodrome Radio Station Program. We are committed to advocating for increased funding and improved service levels at Community Aerodrome Radio Station Program sites across Nunavut. We recognize that impacted levels of service in this program pose a significant threat to aviation in Nunavut.

Your support and engagement are appreciated as we work towards the enhancement of quality of weather observation services for the benefit of our communities.

Sincerely,

Hon. David Akeeagok
Minister of Economic Development and Transportation

cc. His Worship Teddy Apsaktaun, Mayor, Hamlet of Kugaaruk
Michelle Byers, Senior Administrative Officer, Hamlet of Kugaaruk



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