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Minister Hodgson,

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Energy and Natural Resources.

As the NDP critic for Energy and Natural Resources, I will be holding you and your department accountable to your constitutional obligations, especially when it comes to development projects on Indigenous lands. I would like a meeting with you to discuss this directly.

Your government has an obligation to Reconciliation and respecting Indigenous rights. That includes upholding the Nunavut Land Use Agreement and the role of the Institutions of Public Governance. These are not suggestions. They are obligations.

Inuit must not be treated as an afterthought in your government's economic agenda. Development in the North cannot come at the expense of rights, land, and future generations. You do not have legal authority to push forward projects that violate treaty agreements, ignore consultation, or rush through required processes.

I expect your department to engage meaningfully, listen carefully, and follow the processes laid out in existing agreements.

Please let me know when you are available to meet to discuss priorities.

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