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Honourable Ministers,

It is my understanding that Chief Clifford Daniels of the Community Government of Behchokò has approached you to request your assistance in expanding cell phone services along the Highway 3 corridor between Yellowknife and Behchokò.

I am writing in support of that initiative because the next logical step is to extend that cell phone service to the junction of the new Tłı̄chq̄ All-Season Road and along the short distance to Whati.

Everyone recognizes that, once opened, the traffic along the Tłı̄chq̄ All-Season Road will increase month over month, due both to local and business traffic. This will especially become evident as mineral development commences in the Tłı̄chq̄ Region.

I encourage the Ministers to take this opportunity to lay the technological groundwork for expanded communication in the North Slave Region. This region has the capacity to create great wealth for the residents, businesses, and government, but only if the government invests in the needed infrastructure. This investment will provide returns not only in public safety, but territorial economic development.

As Behchokò notes, when dealing with Bell or NWTel, the Government of the Northwest Territories has significant influence and those businesses will pay attention to your requests.

Whati lends our support to Behchokò's request for cell phone service along Highway 3, and I am confident that Behchokò will support our request for cell phone service along the Tłı̄chq̄ All-Season Road to Whati. I look forward to your support as well.

Masi Cho,



Chief Alfonz Nitsiza
Community Government of Whatì



Cc: Honourable Premier Carolyn Cochrane, GNWT
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