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Ottawa, Ontario

Hon. Robert Nault, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Indian Affairs and  
Northern Development

Dear Mr. Minister:

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I was informed on November 22, 1999 by Mr. Tim Powers, that Health Canada is in possession of a report that suggests a number of children in Davis Inlet are planning a mass suicide attempt for December 31, 1999.

Knowing the seriousness of the situation I immediately hand delivered a letter to the Minister of Health asking for his assessment of the situation and for an update on the actions being taken by Health Canada to avert what would be an indescribable catastrophe.

The Minister's office, in particular Joanne Myer has been very forthcoming with the steps the Department is taking to address this issue and later today she will provide me with a written assessment of the situation.

Because I am still extremely concerned about this problem I would appreciate it if you would assess the situation and provide me with an update from your Ministry as well as any co-ordinated efforts being carried out by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Health Canada.

Sincerely,

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