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The Honourable Andy Scott
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs
Indian Affairs and Northern Development
Terrasses de la Chaudière, North Tower, Suite 2100 10 Wellington Street
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Dear Minister Scott,

As former Chiefs of Davis Inlet and the current reserve of Natuashish, we are writing to you on an urgent basis regarding an emergency situation in our community. We had a community meeting on October 3 and the elders in particular have asked that we make this direct appeal to you.

The emergency is the epidemic presence of alcohol and drugs including cocaine in our community. Our community and elders are overwhelmed, but in particular our children and young people, are at grave danger due to the availability of the drugs and alcohol. As you may know, there have been tragic suicides in our community again in the last weeks and we fear there will be more.

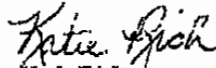
We need to meet with you, Minister Scott, on an urgent basis to give you more detail about the situation and to work with you and your officials to ensure the safety of our community.

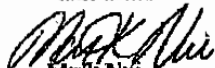
This situation needs to be addressed immediately and cannot wait even a few days. We ask that we have the opportunity to meet with you in St. John's one day this week so that we can put together a plan and an enforcement mechanism to stop the traffic of drugs and alcohol in Natuashish.

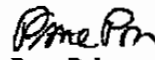
The very lives of our children depend on your immediate response.

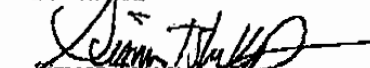
Please have your officials contact at 709-478 8935 immediately to set the time and place for the meeting.

Yours for the children of Natuashish,


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