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To Whom It May Concern;

The Native Women's Association of the Northwest Territories (NWANWT) is in full support of the intervention being provided to the CRTC by the First Mile group (First Nations non-profit Internet Service Providers) along with all of the other Northern Indigenous community partners in support of this presentation.

Equitable access to digital technology and information sources is crucial to the economic, educational and mental health and well-being of every Indigenous household in the NWT. Currently the limitations to that access, whether physical or financial, means that almost every Indigenous family in the NWT is decades behind the rest of Canada. This matter needs to be rectified as quickly as possible, and we fully support initiatives like this intervention that can help to bridge this terrible gap in technology access for our families.

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