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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT for Sanavallianiq Isumagjaulunut - Building for Dreams

Dear Ms. Brisebois :

It is with great pleasure I write a letter of support for your efforts to fundraise for the Nunavut Media Arts Centre. Inuit Broadcasting Corporation (IBC) has a long history of providing television shows and video productions in the Inuit language, and has played an important role in preserving the Inuit language.

In any language protection regimes, media is noted as being one of the important components to keeping a language alive. IBC has been a part of our lives in what you have produced for over 30 years, providing cultural, linguistically and socially relevant shows for us and now our children. IBC has become synonymous with Inuit language television and video productions.

It would seem fitting then that IBC be given a home that is conceptualized to be a video production building – and not a make-do building as is currently. I have seen personally that IBC often works in old dilapidated buildings and much improvisation is done out of necessity to film and produce shows. This simply is not acceptable, Inuit language media deserves better treatment.

If we take Inuit language preservation seriously then we need to provide a proper building and ensure infrastructure is in place for IBC, Nunavut needs the Media Arts Centre!

Sincerely,

Sandra Inutiq
Languages Commissioner