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The Honourable Robert Oliphant, M.P.,
Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration
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To the Honourable Robert Oliphant,

Thank you for your letter dated October 30, 2017. I appreciate the Standing Committee's invitation to contribute to the study of federal policies and procedures regarding the medical inadmissibility of immigrants to Canada.

Nunavut receives a limited number of immigrants to the territory each year. As such, the Government of Nunavut does not have a dedicated departmental office for immigration work, nor does it currently have policies or procedures regarding the medical inadmissibility of immigrants, pursuant to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and Regulations*.

The Department of Health provides medically necessary health care to individuals in need. Due to the present status of immigration in Nunavut, there is little risk of excess demand on health and social services from this group. Many immigrants in Nunavut are already Canadian citizens and thus ineligible for federal funding, or have come from elsewhere in Canada having already secured employment in Nunavut.

The Government of Nunavut is committed to providing Nunavummiut with quality health care and social services, and monitors any factors that may have a potential impact on the delivery of those services. While an increase in immigration to Nunavut in the near future is unlikely, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in these discussions going forward.

