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Good afternoon Ms. Costello,

On behalf of a number of elders, I am requesting that the hearings held in Pond Inlet Jan./Feb. 2021 and televised by *Uvagut TV* are allowed to be re-broadcast prior to the April 12 '21 "Round Table" hearings to be held in Iqaluit. Many people who were not able to attend the hearings in person were very thankful to *Uvagut TV* for televising the hearings live. Elders were especially thankful as it was presented in Inuktitut and they could fully understand the proceedings. Since the follow up hearings were postponed from March to April 2021 it would be very helpful for everyone to review the earlier hearings and remind people what has already been presented and discussed. This might prevent needless repetition at the upcoming hearings and allow more time for new comments and discussion with the proponent and intervenors.

It is very mystifying to us that since *Uvagut TV* was originally allowed to broadcast the Pond Inlet hearings to the public "live", that the NIRB Executive is now stating that for "privacy concerns" this broadcast cannot be repeated for public viewing. The public need to be fully informed if good decisions are to be made about the future of Baffinland's Phase 2 proposal. Please reconsider *Uvagut TV's* request and allow them to rebroadcast at least parts of the Pond Inlet hearings on their public television channel.

Thank you for addressing this concern,
Philippa Ootoowak

Pond Inlet Elder and Resident.