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RE: Letter of Support for Tamitik Status of Women

I am writing on behalf of the North Coast Transition Society (NCTS) in support of Tamitik Status of Women proposed housing project in Kitimat. As a North West neighbor and a sister community provider who work in the same field in Prince Rupert, I can vouch for the necessity and the positive community effects this type of programs have on the whole community and the people who use the services.

When the Prince Rupert Transition House first opened its doors on Atlin Avenue in 1980, there were those that did not want this safe place for women and their children in their own backyards. There were concerns it would bring social issues to this affluent neighborhood. Until the Transition House moved to its new location, it stayed up on Atlin Avenue for 25 years. In that time, the neighborhood to accept and value the Transition House, even becoming protective looking out for clients and supplying donations. There were no concerns expressed over the years.

Most recently we moved to another neighborhood with a bigger project and services that include multigender, multibarrier, supportive recovery and homelessness programs. We have worked hard to keep pride of place in the neighborhood for the self-esteem of our clients and the benefit of the city. Our community has seen to embrace this change as positive and I am sure the people of Kitimat will reap many benefits from the programs that Tamitik Status of Women will provide

I strongly urge the people of Kitimat to support this project I am sure the services will provide long term betterment for the people most in need and the trickle-down benefits to the community.

Sincerely

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Executive Director