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Kate White,
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Dear Ms. White,

RE: Proposed amendments to the Oil and Gas Act (Yukon)

In response to your letter, dated November 1st, 2021, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council would like to express our support on your approach to introduce a Private Member's Bill, to reinstate Section 13 of the Oil and Gas Act, which was repealed in 2012.

The repeal of Section 13 is in direct contradiction with the principle of "free, prior and informed consent" that is central to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and has a direct impact on our First Nations in Yukon who do not have final agreements. This principal clearly emphasizes the importance of recognizing and upholding the rights of Indigenous peoples and ensuring that there is effective and meaningful participation of Indigenous peoples in decisions that affect them, their communities, and traditional territories. It is critical that this be reinstated.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Chief Amanda Leas