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## **To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing to express my interest in the North Slope Borough School District Utqiagvik Seat F. As a lifelong resident of Utqiagvik and an active community member, I bring a deep-rooted commitment to serving our people and preserving our Inupiaq traditions. Growing up in a large whaling family and participating with the Oliver Leavitt Crew instilled in me the importance of subsistence whaling and the strength of community service.

Currently, I serve as an Advisor to the North Slope Borough Mayor and am honored to hold positions on the City Council, the Native Village of Barrow Council, and the Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation board. These roles have afforded me a comprehensive understanding of the unique challenges and strengths within our North Slope communities.

As a mother, I am deeply committed to being a positive role model for my daughters and for all the youth of Utqiagvik. I volunteer with the K3/K4 Inupiat immersion program, and I am actively involved with the Hopson Middle School and Lady Whalers basketball programs. My work with these initiatives aims to support our children in their cultural, academic, and personal growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to further contribute to the success of our schools and community.

**Respectfully,**

Martina Kullaq Hopson

Utqiagvik Resident