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Dear Yves Giroux:

Thank-you for your correspondence on December 13, 2023, requesting information on the \$500 million reduction in spending on professional services and travel in 2023-24, as highlighted in the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2023-24.

We are refocusing government spending with the goal of findings savings from across government that can be directed towards key priorities such as health care and the clean economy. In this regard, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) was asked to find \$251,000 in savings within the Agency's professional services and travel budgets for 2023-24.

As one of Canada's seven Regional Development Agencies, CanNor works in the territories – Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, to support the conditions for a sustainable, diversified and innovative economy in collaboration with Northerners and Indigenous peoples, businesses, organizations, other federal departments and other levels of government.

As detailed in Appendix A, reduction savings have been found within CanNor's core program area as well as internal services. These refocusing savings will result in a minimal impact to in-person outreach activities. CanNor has put in place mitigation measures (e.g., greater use of virtual conferences) to reduce the impact on our clientele.

My officials would be more than happy to assist you should you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vandal'.

The Honourable Dan Vandal, PC, MP

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