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Dear Participant,

We presently are setting up our Funding Program for the second year of activities at the Royal Commission on the Northern Environment. The funding of research and participation by interest groups and individuals is essential for meaningful public involvement in the Commission's program. In order to make competent and unbiased decisions about which groups should receive funding, we are considering a Funding Committee with representation from the North.

I am contacting the groups who made written submissions to the Commission during the preliminary hearings to invite your nomination of a member for the Funding Committee. Four members will be selected from the nominations received from the 200 groups we are writing. All nominations will be confidential.

The Funding Committee will be composed of 7 people as follows:

- 1 chairperson (appointed)
- 1 Commission staff person (appointed)
- 1 person from the Ontario government (appointed)
- 4 persons selected from nominations submitted by groups

If you know of a person in your community whom you believe can serve effectively on the Funding Committee, will you approach that person and see if he or she is willing and available to be a member of the Committee? We are looking for people who have a knowledge of the social, environmental and economic issues in Northern Ontario, and the concerns of Northern groups. Previous experience in assessing funding proposals would be a valuable asset.

The Funding Committee will receive all applications for funds, assess them and decide if funding should be given and in what amount. The Committee members carry a very special responsibility: their decisions must be wise, thoughtful and sound.

The duties, requirements and financial arrangements for the Committee members are described on the back of the yellow Nomination Form. Since we want the Committee to be set up and ready to deal with funding requests in July, we need to receive your nomination forms in the Toronto office by June 14, 1978.

To our knowledge, no funding body - government, corporate or foundation - has ever attempted this kind of participatory funding procedure. It is a challenge to us, and with your co-operation and nominations, we are confident of a fair and enlightened funding program.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

E. P. Hartt
Commissioner

*Nominated Monte Hammel
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