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To whom it may concern:

Hello to everyone in attendance today.

Although I am not here is person I am in spirit.

am the Member of the Yukon Legislative Assembly representing the Gwich'in the Yukon Territorial Government

Since the Sonoma Coalition was established (to protect the Porcupine Caribou Herd from oil and gas development in ANWR) Lenny has become a true brother to us within our nation. Lenny has shown us true dedication to assist us in preserving what is left of our way of life. He has spent many days, which extended into months, living amongst my people, living off the land and learning our traditional way of life, learning to understand our ways, eating our food, and sharing our caribou skins, for this we love him dearly.

On behalf of the Gwich'in, I fully support Lenny Kohm and his helpers. Their assistance in educating you and many others across this land for the survival of our nation and its whole way of life.

That our voices can be heard through our brother, may the Great Spirit be with you all.

Mahsi cho,

GWATHL AA'ESHIH Norma Kassi

MLA -- Old Crow