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The Honorable Novelle E. Francis Jr.
President
35th Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands

Good day Senate President Honorable Novelle E. Francis Jr., other honorable members of the 35th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands, legislative staff, and members of the viewing and listening public, my name is Marlon Hibbert, and I am the Director of the Division of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) in the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. Today we are presenting testimony on the following CZM permit:

Major Coastal Zone Permit CZT-03-20(L&W) - issued to SVB155 SPRING, LLC D/B/A INDEPENDENT BOATYARD AND MARINA., if ratified this permit allows:

- (a) For the continued use and occupancy of docks and associated infrastructure Seaward of Parcels 49, 75, 83, 101 Remainder, 101-B, 178 and 179 Estate Frydenhoj, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands and includes a modification for a new ramp to haul catamarans. The permit will also allow for continued use and occupancy of 2,310 sq. ft. of Parcel No. 178 and 9,650 sq. ft. of Parcel No. 179 Estate Frydenhoj, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.
- (b) The continued use and occupancy of 64,756 ft.² of submerged lands in front of Parcel 178 and 179 Estate Frydenhoj, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

The facilities covered by this permit include: five (5) fixed wooden "T" docks, a wooden boardwalk, ninety (90) lineal feet of sheet pilings with nine hundred (900) square feet of backfill, nine hundred twenty-four square foot (924 ft²) concrete wash down slab and a concrete ramp (56' x 18') to haul in and out catamarans located in the northeastern corner of Benner Cove, St. Thomas.

An annual rental fee of **SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$60,000.00)** payable in advance, has been negotiated with the Permittee for the first five (5) years. Upon the fifth (5th) anniversary of this permit, the rental fees payable under this permit shall be adjusted in accordance with the increase in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). Upon the tenth (10th) and fifteenth (15th) anniversary of this permit, the permit fees are to be renegotiated pursuant to 12 VIRR § 910-5(e). The term of the permit is 20 years.

This concludes our testimony on behalf of the Division, and we are available to answer questions as best as we can. Thank you.