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Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. President 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands Capitol Building St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

## Re: Coastal Zone Management Permit for Ratification

Good day Senate President Novelle E. Francis, Jr., other members of the 35<sup>th</sup> 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 for the Division of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) in the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. Today we are present seeking ratification of the following CZM permit:

**Minor CZM Permit No. CZMIW0002-23**, issued to 555 Madison Investors V, LLC. If ratified, this permit allows for the:

The use and occupancy of the submerged lands seaward of Plot No 7W Estate Nazareth St Thomas VI, and for the installation of a dock consisting of a 21' x 4' section and a 7' wide by 42'-6" long dock totaling 408 (four hundred and eight) square feet, the permit allows for the placement of a four inch (4") diameter reverse osmosis intake line on the underside of the dock.

An annual rental fee of **NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000)** payable in advance, has been negotiated with the Permittee for occupancy of the submerged lands covered under this permit pursuant to the provisions of 12 VIRR § 910-5(e). The term of the permit is **20** years.

The Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources has deemed that the permit listed above meets the goals and policies of the VI Code, Title 12 Chapter 21. Therefore, we respectfully request your ratification of this permit pursuant to 12 VIC § 911(e).

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