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Re: Bill No. 35-0212 An Act ratifying Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZT-18-21 (W) issued to Beach Life, LLC

Honorable Senate President, and Senators,

My name is Lisa Bertrand, and I am here representing Beach Life, LLC. I have been a resident of the US Virgin Islands since 1986. I have owned property and businesses on St. Thomas and Water Island for almost 40 years. I am the owner of Dinghy's Beach Bar & Grill. I established Dinghy's with my family, and over the last 10 years I have seen the need to provide better boat access to Honeymoon Beach. In 2018, I submitted a permit request to CZM to install a floating dinghy dock in Druif Bay offshore of Dinghy's Beach Bar & Grill. The dock will consist of three 5 foot wide by 10-foot-long polyethylene EZ dock Floats. The dock will extend 30 ft from the shore and be held in place with screw anchors so that the dock can be easily removed in the event of in inclement weather.

The dock will provide:

- Enhanced public access to the beach.
- Safe and proper ingress/egress to vessels.
- A safe place for passengers to disembark and board.

- And alleviate the environmental damage from the constant anchoring and beaching of dinghies along the shoreline.
- Provide a better separation between swimmers and boats and enhance the US Virgin Islands tourism product.

The area around the floating dock is an uncolonized sand bottom. and the walkway is on the open sand beach. The dock installation will have a positive environmental impact by reducing anchoring.

I look forward to improving the experience and safety at Honeymoon Beach, Water Island. Thank you for your time. I am available for any questions you may have.



~Lisa Bertrand

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