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The Honorable Novelle Francis
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capitol Building, Charlotte Amalie
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Dear Senator Francis,

Sericore VI Member/Managers Steve and Young Baker purchased Estate Grange in 2021 and relocated to St. Croix. Member Manager Steve Baker started Sericore in 2010 as a software and hardware engineering firm. Sericore develops custom hardware/firmware solutions and backend systems supporting data storage, search, and presentation. Current software systems customers include the US Federal Government, US DoD, and commercial partners.

Steve Baker plans to expand Sericore VI's St Croix-based development center on our Grange property. The development center would hire software developers, a design engineer (CAD), and facilities staff. With a further review of infrastructure capabilities, Sericore could move several cloud-based platforms to servers housed locally. Sericore is investigating high-yield aquaponics, energy solutions including wind and solar, and improving the current infrastructure and systems supporting the Grange property.

Sericore owners Steve and Young Baker are owners of 9A&10 Estate Grange Co (Hamilton House) and its accompanying 26 acres. Grange will comprise of event space, R&D space, living space, and workspace, specifically, Sericore VI current operations run out the 1800 sq ft overseer quarters converted to office space. The estate includes five other buildings for work-live or office expansion. Sericore employs people from many states and as such Sericore VI plans to improve buildings to include accommodation for traveling employees.

Sericore VI conducts research and development of new products at Grange. We currently are developing a next-generation communication system for emergency responders and expanding global support for current government customers. We employ CAD modeling and 3D printing to generate concept designs, evaluate for manufacturability, test for environmental ruggedness and hone form and function. We use the Grange property to test wireless system functionality, Line of Sight (LOS) range, Non-LOS range, and validate development system operational assumptions.

Sericore VI has developed technology and systems supporting large data sets and is investigating, on the Grange property, means to leverage data technology to address local needs. Namely, Sericore VI is running experiments with wind and solar for energy production, investigating methods to minimize water use in the production of cool weather crops such as lettuce, greens, and other vegetables and produce that currently arrive by cargo ship, and prototyping solutions that are tested on-property.

We see this property as the perfect incubator to research and develop technologies that improve the local experience. We propose to create solutions and goods on-island, for consumption on-island. We

propose a portion of our property adjacent to Queens Highway be developed for retail sales of items and goods developed on Grange. This allows us to provide the best and freshest products with minimal transportation costs.

Sericore VI conducts training events for several customers, all of which occur at mainland locations. We wish to bring these events to St Croix and share the island we call home. The Grange great house, built in 1732, is a great staging place for indoor and outdoor events. The yard surrounding the great house was once the island's botanical garden and we wish to bring it back. Alexander Hamilton's mother's gravesite is just down from the great house and this combination of garden, history, and artifacts is unique to St Croix.

Sericore VI has already invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in bringing the neglected property back to life. Our plan includes means to continue our research and development efforts, expand solutions to include high-yield farming, and living quarters for visiting employees or event participants, continue our investigation of data-driven energy solutions, and provide retail means to sell said property-generated goods and solutions.

We hope you agree with our vision and look forward to further discussion.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve and Young Baker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve and Young Baker