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To the honorable 34 Legislature of the Virgin Islands,

We, Angelina and Vivek Daswani, oppose the proposed development: "Warrell's Waterway Gift Shop & Lookout" located at 30c Estate Elizabeth.

Estate Mafolie and Estate Elizabeth are tranquil and peaceful residential neighborhoods. My family chose to buy and develop our home in this area for that sole reason. By adding a lookout stop and gift shop will negatively impact this area by adding unnecessary road congestion, noise, and hazards. The Mafolie Hotel and roadway are already congested as it is, the lookout point from the hotel is already established so to add another one right beside this makes no sense. By changing the zoning on this land will also negatively impact the property values of the adjacent homes. This is a first and foremost a residential neighborhood, the two establishments that we have in Estate Mafolie and Elizabeth are all that this area needs and can sustain, we already have the Hotel and we already have Sibs restaurant right there.

This request has come to DPNR for many years, and one of the other main reasons this has been denied is because the property sits on a water gut and any development over there would change the terrain and water drainage system. DPNR has advised the senate for many years that any change would be detrimental to this area and would cause damage to the houses that lie directly below this site. Allowing a zone change would jeopardize the livelihood of so many that live in this area for generations already, this is unfair and uncalled for.

We respectfully ask that the commercial zoning request by Mr. Warrell be rejected. We overwhelmingly believe that R-2 is the appropriate zoning designation to protect our neighborhood, to maintain existing property values and the quality of life in the area.

Sincerely,

Angelina and Vivek Daswani

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