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Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President
35th 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 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 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. CZX-21-22W, issued to Teague Paradise LLC. If ratified, this permit allows for the:

- Permittee to redesign and reduce in size an existing dock of three hundred and thirty-eight square feet (338sqft) to two hundred and sixty eight square feet (268sq/ft). This permit also brings the dock into compliance and will be reconfigured in the existing foot print of the existing storm damaged dock. The activity is located seaward of Plot 20 Teague Bay, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI. The dock will be elevated four feet (4 ft) above the Mean High Water (MHW). The dock area will utilize molded composite open grate decking.

An annual rental fee of **Three Thousand Two Hundred (\$3,200)** 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.