

Good day Governor deJongh,

The letter copied below was sent by me to your email address this past Monday evening. I don't know if you received it. We have also posted this letter on your Facebook page, and encouraged people to co-sign the letter if they support the movement to save Coral Bay from the severe damage that a mega yacht marina would cause to the environment, the economy, and the social fabric of Coral Bay.

In the past three days over 350 people have signed the letter, and many of them have left individual comments. I am forwarding these comments to you, unedited, so you can sense the depth of feeling and strength of conviction shown by these people, almost all of whom I have never met.

We hope you will take our heartfelt sentiments to mind when you consider the lease of our precious submerged trust lands to private investors.

Yours in love of these Virgin Islands,

David Silverman



#### AN OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR DE JONGH 4 NOVEMBER 2014

Good evening Governor deJongh,

I was told that a permit for lease of 28 acres of Coral Bay Harbor was brought to your office yesterday for your signature. I am writing to express my profound disappointment at this development and to speak to you on behalf of the hundreds of residents of Coral Bay and thousands of visitors to St John who see this as a grave mistake.

I have deep respect for the leadership that you have shown in taking the Virgin Islands through the economic and social crisis of the Hovensa closure. From this alone I know that you have the best interests of the Virgin Islands at heart, and the will and conviction to make the right things happen. This situation with Coral Bay is another opportunity to demonstrate the leadership skills that we all admire.

Coral Bay Harbor is at the center of a thriving tourism economy in the east end of St John. Our rental accommodations, food services, and other tourist purchases generate over \$25 million per year in local expenditures. This is ALL at risk if the very heart of Coral Bay - its harbor - is leased to a private developer. The meager lease payments of less then \$200,000 per year don't even begin to make up for the true value of this trust land, in its present state.

You need to make a decision, on behalf of all Virgin Islanders, whether this private lease is in the public interest. Not in the interest of a few, but in the interest of all of us. The public has proclaimed loudly that this would be destructive to their livelihoods, to their way of life, and to the natural environment of Coral Bay Harbor.

I wouldn't think that you would want such a negative mark on your otherwise positive legacy - as the Governor who sold Coral Bay to a private developer and was responsible for the most economically and environmentally damaging project ever to be undertaken on St John.

My hopes and prayers are that you will do the right thing, on behalf of ALL OF US.

Respectfully yours,

David Silverman

Co-signed by 358 residents, home owners, and visitors and friends of Coral Bay

- **Sarah Ray** I couldn't agree more. Coral Bay is such a special place of unspoiled beauty and community.
- **Bonny Corbeil** This Mega Marina is wrong size/wrong place...please Gov de Jongh listen to the serious concerns expressed by your constituents...this is simply a very bad idea.
- Monya Griffin Barnes don't forget we tourist spend 10's of Thousands of Dollars
- Monya Griffin Barnes and that there are other unique places we can go.
- Sarah Ray Agreed, Bonny. While I think the community could benefit from some improvements to the marina, St John doesn't have the capacity- or the interest- in attracting large yachts and crowds. Improvements should be modest and focus on just a few added facilities- laundry, a safer dock, and a gas station on that side of the island. Other than that, I think residents and visitors alike appreciate Coral Bay for what it is.
- Jennifer Endonino As a Travel Specialist for 20years, I know that the main attraction about St John is its focus on protecting and preserving the environment & ecology. Allowing a mega marina will not enhance the destination. The commercialization of Coral Bay will only destory it's attraction to travelers. Do the right thing, and protect the bay.
- Lauren Jordan This project would destroy the natural beauty of Coral Bay that residents and visitors LOVE about St. John. I agree that some modest improvements could be beneficial however not this huge proposed project I agree that this project is environmentally and economically damaging to St. John. Please reconsider!
- Lili Chilson PLEASE preserve St. John's unique, beauty and character!! DO THE RIGHT THING and protect the sea turtles and all other sea life, that will suffer and die, if you allow such invasion and destruction to their home.
- **Carolyn Goodlander** The Superyacht Crown Bay Marina is empty most of the year. Why destroy the natural waterfront for a few dollars for a couple months a year all time for a
- **Susan Silverman** Please visit our web site where you can read many letters that were written by community members and tourists about this issue, http://savecoralbay.com

- **Dan Boyd** Please do not let this mega marina be built in Coral Bay St John, Govenor. Many of us have voted for you in both elections and we know your true concern for the Virgin Islands. Do not let this over sized marina project happen. You will be helping many future Virgin Islanders by making it NOT happen.
- **Mike Munt** I would like to continue spending my tourist dollars in Coral Bay, but if this goes through it would make me and many others take their money elsewhere!
- Jude Woodcock this is will ruin Coral Bay with out question.
- **Sara O'Neill** Please make saving coral bay your lasting legacy! You can make a huge difference by denying this permit in your last days in office!
- **Ruth Ernst** Governor deJongh, please do not sign this permit. I am dumbfounded that it was approved at all. It simply makes no sense to destroy our environment forever to benefit a few investors. Some of the negative changes in our world are not preventable. This devastation is preventable. Please help us.
- **Ulrike Salzmann Powell** Dear Sir, please save Coral Bay, Yes the VI needs revenue. This not the way to do it. St. John produces a very large portion in revenues as it is. Revenues will decline due to a Mega Marina. Please do not approve!
- **Kaaren Wampler** Please DO NOT let this happen! Yes, everyone needs jobs, as this SEG group claims, in reality, this project will be out sourced to non islanders! As a short term property manager, above proposed site, visitors already are claiming they will have to find another vacation destination!
- Joan Magas Wilson Please do not sign the trust lands lease. This marina is poorly designed and many knowledgeable yachts men have already expressed their opinions that the marina is in rough waters exposed to the sea. Many have already indicated that it is NOT a marina they would put their boat in. The construction period will be economic disaster. Current regular visitors have already indicated they will not return if a huge marina is built and will not visit during the noise of driving 1333 piles into the sea bed. Read the economic analysis that is posted on www.savecoralbay.com
- Joan Magas Wilson Governor deJongh did you vet the Summer's End Group before supporting them? Do you know that SEG claimed 15 years of multi-million \$\$\$ successful projects. However an extensive search of newspapers in the locations in which SEG claims award winning projects revealed no projects, no awards. A search of corporation data bases in the states in which SEG claimed to have done projects finds no registration as a LLC. SEG set up a LLC 3 years ago here in the VI. Please do the right thing before leaving office and distance yourself from these grifters by NOT signing the

trust land lease.

- Jean Bessette St. Johnians don't not want this marina. Visitors to Coral Bay who sustain our economy do not want this marina. Please do the right thing.
- **Loyd Tyler** The scope of this proposed marina in Coral Bay is not good for the Virgin Islands, much less Coral Bay.
- **Denise Barbier** Dear Governor What a thrill yesterday was to VOTE in the VI. We only get to vote once a year and the joy of walking into a voting booth and letting YOUR vote be counted gives one the best feeling of being included in the election process... You on the other hand vote all the time. Mr David Silverman's letter above speaks for many many of us in Coral Bay... We are not the rich white folks trying to stop other rich white folks from taking over Coral Bay... We are 3000+ strong individuals who see this project for what it is! WRONG! Yup a marina with pump out , gas, dockage, electricity is needed on St John. This just happens to be in the WRONG location. It does not follow any type of common sense do to sea exposure, scope of project, and certainly this would not be a huge revenue producing endeavor. Please Do The Right Thing! Do Not Sign! Thank you...
- Louise Quintiliani I was blessed to "discover" St. John three years ago, and have returned every year. It is paradise, particularly the unspoiled, quaint, quiet East end of the island. Just a few years from retirement, I have dreams of enjoying many more peaceful times on STJ. The Caribbean doesn't need another commercial wonderland of resorts and marinas, it needs St. John the way it is.
- **Martha Toomey** Jeffrey's sailboat has been moored, legally, for several years. He loves the calm beauty of sailing out of Coral Bay. There are no activities for young adults with developmental delays and medical challenges. We've found something he can enjoy and succeed at. Why destroy that?
- Wendy N Davis Please do not sign this permit!!!!
- **Steven Bond** The size and location of this marina are wrong. Please do not sign this permit!
- Marian Czukoski Thank God, Mr.Rockefeller and other people with foresight made a good deal of St.John into National Park land. This includes my late grandfather, Luther Emanuel Stakemann's land.
- **Clark Beam** Governor deJongh. Please consider the special nature of Coral Bay and it's location adjacent to Hurricane Hole and National Park waters. This great bay is the largest marine nursery on St. John by far. It is also a closed end basin with very little tidal range and almost no natural flushing ability. The fraqgile benthic zone will be

impacted very negatively from the construction of the dock system, the reduced flushing resulting from the structure and vessels tied closely together, acres of shading resulting in death of sea grass beds and sediment resuspension from large vessels maneuvering in the shallows of the western bay in the SEG site. Couple this with the rolly and uncomfortable docking conditions in the proposed site from constant Caribbean swell entering that area and potentially severe damage from unprotected exposure to hurricane conditions. The economic consequences from the construction period will be devastating for they many rentals with the project in their view shed. Almost instantly their will be negative reviews with low to nil occupancy for these homes and many will go into foreclosure because the revenue stream from the rentals is necessary for meeting mortgage obligations. The list goes on for the retail sector. St. John is a special island chosen by the Rockefeller family (Laurance) as a place of natural beauty worthy of eternal preservation. Please consider this fragile creation of God when approving development plans that will negatively effect that which we and all our visitors are blessed to enjoy for eternity. You are holding a gem of the Virgin Islands in your hand. Let God and all of nature guide you in your decisions concerning this unique creation! Bless you and thank you!

- Ann Barson Waltzinger We are about to make our third trip to St John in one year! We discovered it last December and fell in love with the natural beauty and unspoiled landscape and views! The pristine waters are perfect for kayaking ind snorkeling. The abundance of underwater wildlife is always a thrill no matter how many times we see it! This marina will cause irreparable damage to the delicate ecosystem in Coral Bay. Please listen to the people that live in and enjoy vacationing on St John and in Coral Bay! If this project is allowed to go through I have a feeling that the tourist industry in the Coral Bay area will suffer greatly. I, for one, will have to find a new place...
- Lee Ann Gale There is a middle ground solution to this Coral Bay issue! A bay which is one of the last rare gems on earth. There are plenty of Mega Yacht communities but where oh where can you still find a Coral Bay. As 22 year visitors to this island we would be horrified if such a marina as Summer's End is approved. We own a cruising sailboat which we spend a great deal of time on and know well that there are lovely alternatives to what Summer's End proposes. It is basically a wall to wall nightmare.
- Joan Magas Wilson The construction of this marina will affect the entire economy of St. John in a negative way. No longer will St. John fit the Tourism Commission branding of St. John as a quiet, get away, of natural beauty. Coral Bay fits that description now but w...See More
- Joanne Connair Amen
- **Joanne Vena** Dear Governor deJongh, Good day Governor. There are some places that need protecting, and that are gifts to us humans and animals on the Earth.

You are in a position that allows you to be one of the stewards of this land. Please protect it, and nurture and develop it in a way that will preserve and protect it and its' wildlife - on land and in the water. The proposed mega marina will injure and forever change the health and beauty of a place that is beautiful without development, without Man's touch. You have the power to prevent that right now. Please do, you will be loved, respected, revered and remembered for it.

- Paige Caccamo Some of us are long time families who have lived in the Virgin Islands for generations!! We have seen what happens when these developers move in and take over our Hotels. Beaches. Marinas and limited lands for their own financial gains!! Please listen to the people, they don't want this in Coral bay!! This is where the majority of locals reside and raise their families while many work all over St.John!! People here onwww.savecoralbay.com are highly intelligent people that are fully aware of the threat this Mega Marina will bring to them!! They know the development of the Marina will not stop at their waters edge!! They already have infrastructure issues with roads, garbage etc. They forsee being pushed out as big money takes over their community!! The big question is where will they go?? St. Thomas may be their only option if they want to continue working on St. John adding stress to these families!! Uprooting children, new schools they are unaccustomed to, parents traveling via ferry adding to their work day taking away valuable family time!! Please consider the domino effect that could happen!! We all know when they tire of their development and sell off their problem Marina they will leave with pockets full and residents will be left to clean up the mess!! You know what I am saying is true look at what happened to my families Resort "Pineapple Beach"!! Please protect the Bay and the abundant sea life, the residents and the tourist's that have all expressed that they do not want this!! Please I beg of you do not sell out the people, do not sign ! God Bless you and God Bless us all!!
- Rob Rogerson I love it. You have my signature. Well done!
- **Chazmal Avant-Garde Miller** ...., rebuild Coral Bay with a marina, it will be a nice addition to the U.S. Virgin Islands .....
- **Donna Demarkis** CAGM, yes, in a smaller form.
- **Rikki Grober Dunsmore** Please count me in as a strong opponent to the proposed marina.
- **Ej Armstrong** Utterly absurd proposal especially considering that a significant number of parcels around Coral Bay have disputed titles and therefore as of 2009 were not even taxable. This initiative will set off a firestorm. nevertheless, as soon as John Woods and Daryl Smalls get involved the Gov will sign off on the proposed



development...it's a Free Mason Thing!

- Darcy Wren-Gauriloff Save Coral Bay
- Jaime Elliott Save Coral Bay
- **Bish Denham** Please do not sign. Help to protect a true jewel of the Caribbean, home of the first Danish settlement on St. John and the place when those who were enslaved first fought for their freedom!
- **Cristi Gettel** Dear Governor John P. deJongh, Jr., my husband and I travel regularly to St. John because of the pristine, underdeveloped, natural beauty of the island. As a matter of fact, we will be vacationing there again the week of Thanksgiving. Each time we rent...See More
- Debbie Downing Soulier I strongly oppose the destruction of Coral Bay!
- Julie Brizzee Save Coral Bay. Please do not sign
- **Gary Janssen** Wonder how much money has flowed into coffers of the governor from the people/corporation pushing the development. Corporate America will win again. We do not live there but are one of the vacationers, spending a week on St John. Would be a shame to lose the character that is Coral Bay.
- Anne Lieber-Silverman Good Day Sir Please do not sign. Thank you. God Bless.
- Leiana Dubke Gorde JAH KNOWS GOVERNOR....CAN YOU LIVE WITH THAT???? THIS IS GUT WRENCHING......ITS TEARING THE HEART OUT OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.....DONT SIGN PLEASE.....
- Lee Ann Gale What development projects has Summer's End Group been successful at? I cannot find any information to this regard. Is Coral Bay going to be their first experimental project? If so, how disturbing.
- Larry Wilson Governor, please review the alternate views of economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts provided by experts in those topics and posted on savecoralbay.com This egregious development scheme will only line the pockets of the developers and leave the territory with many losses, worst being the disaster cleanup costs after the next major storm comes to St. John. Our tourism will die during the driving of 1333 piles into the seagrass meadow, and NEVER recover.

- Robert Silverman Please.
- Bonny Lowe Please leave Coral Bay beautiful, just the way it is! I fly 7 hours just to there. On my way to STJ, I pass thousands of upscale malls & hundreds of mega yacht harbors. If that was what I wanted, I could sure find it much closer to home! Please save the sea grass beds for the sea turtles!
- Mandy Groves Save Coral Bay!
- Geneviève Pfützner There is so much beauty!! Please save Coral Bay from any destruction! !
- Christopher Smith Please leave coral bay in tact. This is one of the last places that is untouched in the Caribbean. I have many fond memories of visiting the natural areas around coral bay and spent much of my time on this side of the island away from the hustle and bustle of Cruz. The community and natural surroundings will be greatly impacted by this development.
- Cassie Patterson Kitch As first time visitors last December we loved that the island was quiet and mostly untouched. We are planning our next trip in a few months and anticipate this being our annual vacation. Snorkeling around St. John made me fall in love with the place on a higher level. To build this marina and destroy the habits of the animals is absurd. I feel the reason that people choose to visit St. John over another place is due to the natural unaltered beauty and to be able to witness creatures in their natural habitat. To build something like this will do more harm than good to everything involved. Save Coral Bay! Rikki Grober Dunsmore Please do NOT sign. Come see this special place and then envision it's future
- Jane Kyser Please support and respect those of us who love our little island home of St John. There's no place like it in the world! Don't sign!
- Clark Beam I like the potential problem of clear title for the leases. Possibly these lands can not be leased because there is no clear title. . David Silverman just a point to consider.
- Jutta Brückner We need untouched places, so please leave Carol Bay in tact and do not destruct it.
- Chillin Peppers Please do not sign, let Coral Bay stay the way everyone wants it be, that is why people move there, the laid back lifestyle NOT the Mega-yacht life
- Karen Kelley Please choose the environmental health of your precious island over big corporate interests!



- Laurel Gilmore Save the bay for the environment.
- Kimberly Boulon Governor deJongh, Sir, be a HERO. Save Coral Bay.

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