

August 18, 2014

Attention: Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol, Acting Commissioner
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources
Coastal Zone Management Program
RE: Coral Bay Summers End Marina

Good Afternoon Mr. Oriol,

My name is Jennifer Valenti, I am writing to you today in hopes that you will consider opposing the proposed Summers End Marina in Coral Bay. My husband and I have been coming to this beautiful island since our Honeymoon in 2002. We now come with our our three children declaring "we are home" as soon as the car barge docks! While St. John is only our vacation home, renting a villa each time we come, it holds a place in our hearts that is unlike anywhere else!!

This year during our trip, we began looking at homes for sale, hoping to make St. John even more special to us than it already has become. We came home furiously working numbers trying to determine a bid for the house that we saw. This home was not in Coral Bay, however once I began reading about this proposed Marina, and virtual luxury tourist trap I put a hold on our plan to purchase a home in paradise. I can not in good faith purchase a home that I will not want to return to if this project is approved. This project will take the serene peacefulness of St. John and turn it into something ugly and pompous and well - like the rest of the world!

Mr. Oriol, the reason that we and most other people that we know come to St. John is to escape. We escape to one of the most incredibly beautiful places that we have ever encountered in our travels. A place that is full of life that is clean and wholesome, full of nature and all it's glory. A place where we can truly recharge our batteries and begin to feel like people living life again not just surviving.

The negative impact that this project will have upon the environment and the community are irreversible! Money can certainly be much better spent making life better for local St. Johnians instead!! This project will only hurt not help the people of St. John. It will take away millions of dollars from the island, as many people will not want to return to a playground for the Rich and Famous.

Thank you for your time, please reconsider destroying the place where our hearts and souls are!!

Sincerely, Jennifer Valenti