VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable President Novelle E. Francis, Jr. Legislature of Virgin Islands Capitol Building, Charlotte Amalie P.O. Box 1690 St. Thomas, VI 00804

Re: Summer's End Group, LLC and Parcel 13 Rem. Estate Carolina, Coral Bay, St. John, USVI 00830

Dear President Francis:

I have received word that Summer's End Group, LLC (SEG) will be heard on the matter of their supposed CZM permits at the July 7th, 2020 Committee of the Whole hearing. We respectfully object in the strongest of terms. Our litigation against SEG remains in the Courts; the outcome of these cases have direct bearing on whether SEG has the legal right to act with authority on our property. To hear any matter pertaining to SEG prior to our cases having been ordered is wasteful in that any decision that gets made by the Legislature could very well be overturned on appeal.

My family's positions remain the same as elaborated in our previous letters to the Legislature. As the sole, legal owners of Parcel 13 Rem. Estate Carolina, we properly served legal notice to SEG on numerous occasions informing them, amongst other complaints, that while any previously granted revocable power of attorney instruments had expired on their own, it should be perfectly clear to SEG that any authority to act in our interest and attached to our properties had been further revoked in writing. As we know today, SEG improperly continued to act on those revoked authorities for more than one year, even going so far as to recently convey to various parties that all was well between my family and SEG. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, not only are our issues unresolved, it is our understanding that our neighbors' various leasehold issues remain unresolved. I am so immune to hearing this type of nonsense on the part of SEG that I sadly was not shocked. What did knock me back was the understanding it was generally unanimous amongst the Senators at the hearing I attended in October 2019 that SEG had to, at minimum, make those families whole through compensation and more favorable lease terms, otherwise any SEG matter would not be heard again. I was moved by that show of protection.

We respectfully ask the 33rd Legislature to continue protecting the rights and privileges of my family and our affected neighbors by not considering any matters pertaining to SEG until all outstanding legal disputes and challenges have been resolved.

I break from my capacity as manager of the estates and businesses of my family by ending with the following few sentences, all of which comprise a part of my opinion and nothing more. My family has interacted with Summer's End Group, LLC for nine years. It wasn't until the last three years that we were reminded of the important and extremely valuable practice of trust, but verify. If one tells you they have funding directly or through another party, request written proof and then confirm directly with the other party. If one tells you they have settled or come to terms with a certain party, verify directly with the other party. While it might be too late for others, it is very well within the power of the Legislature to act on verifiable facts and not fiction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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