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The Honorable Louis P. Hill

Senator
28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
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Dear Senator Hill,

I am appalled by implied accusations in your letter dated August 23, 2009 in regard to Legislature payment for private cell phone service prior to my assuming office.

At no time did I request that the Legislature pay for my cell phone service prior to January 12, 2009 and if indeed such payment was made by the Legislature, it was an error of the Business Office. On assuming office I had my number transferred to a Legislature account. I was aware of a balance due at that time and indicated that a new accounting should be made as of January 12, 2009 and that I would be responsible for all charges incurred before that time.

In March I settled my past due balance with AT&T and have enclosed a copy of the check for your ready reference. My check also includes the account number of the cell phone in question. It is incumbent on the Business Office to immediately obtain a refund if this bill was paid in error on my behalf. I do appreciate your efforts at greater accountability and hope you will follow through with my plans to eliminate Government funded cell phone service for Legislature employees.

However, I must add my grave disappointment in what is a clear effort to malign my character and silence me being that you were the chief engineer of Act 6905 and have not supported my efforts to move forward with an audit of the Legislature. It is my understanding that there is already an effort afoot by your colleagues to purge files critical to the examination of the Legislature's finances — particularly files related to your disputed accounts in the 25th Legislature.

I do not appreciate your petty politics and I am certain that the public would find many things that have occurred in recent days distasteful such as the fact that keys to vehicles assigned to the President's office were requested by your staff on both St. Thomas and St. Croix only moments after the close of last week's session. Further, I have not heard one public word of concern for the employees displaced by the recent actions of your Majority.

I am certain that your efforts to single me out and silence me will only warrant the release of information on all of your colleagues, and this Sir, I welcome. The recent statements made by members of this body seem representative of partisan politics at their worst — however in this case it is my fellow Democrats assuming a very questionable posture. I strongly suggest that you exercise more prudence before moving forward with accusations of this nature.

Sincerely,

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