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The Honorable Louis P. Hill
Senator
28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capitol Building
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Dear Senator Hill,

I was greatly concerned about the current Majority's refusal to support a complete audit of the Virgin Islands Legislature. As you know, I brought this measure to the floor on May 28, 2009 and, while every member of the Minority saw fit to support this bill, you and your Majority colleagues remained adamantly opposed to a comprehensive audit of any kind and voted against my legislation.

I am particularly concerned about your refusal to support a complete audit of the Legislature. As Senate President your leadership and cooperation on this issue is critical as no audit of any kind can go forward without your support. It is imperative that as the first branch of Government we set the example for accountability and transparency.

I am also perplexed by your contention that you will, however, allow an audit of the Legislature's FMS system. What will this consist of and how will this information be cross referenced? Who will conduct such an audit? What time frame will it cover? Your colleagues and the people of the Virgin Islands deserve a detailed explanation in this regard.

As you know the V.I. Inspector General's office had previously indicated that it did not have all the resources necessary in order to move forward with a comprehensive audit of the Legislature and this is why my legislation provided funding for this endeavor in addition to opening the door for Federal review of our accounts by the Department of the Interior. I also believe it's critical that any audit encompass at least five legislative terms so that we can have a true picture of what has taken place in terms of our fiscal resources.

An audit is an essential component of good Government and will provide you and the other members of this body with useful information. Further, we owe transparency to those Virgin Islands residents that we have pledged to serve. You stated publicly that you would support an audit shortly after taking over as Senate President and, Sir, I beseech you not to break another promise to the people of the our beloved Territory.

Sincerely,

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