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September 14, 2009

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

Dear Senator Hill,

On August 6, 2009 you indicated your desire to reduce Senate salaries to \$65,000 and to appropriate the cost savings for the benefit of the homeless. You also indicated on record that this legislation would be brought forward at the next Legislative session. I must commend you for this noble idea and truly hope you are serious in your desire to assist those most in need in our community.

I wholeheartedly support your suggestion and will certainly vote in favor of this measure, however, to date, I have not seen any legislation circulated in this regard. When do you intend to introduce this bill? I would like to sign on as a co-sponsor of your legislation to reduce Senator's salaries by \$20,000.

As you know, I opposed the originally legislation that increased salaries from \$65,000 to \$85,000 and have actively sought the repeal of Act 6905, the law that allowed this increase. To date, I have been stymied in my repeal efforts and in May of this year I was also blocked in my attempt to reduce Senator's salaries by 10 percent. This said, I am eager to support your proposed measure.

I am certain that the public, to include our homeless population, is quite eager to hear from you following your August 6, 2009 pledge to assist. I await your prompt response and assure you that you can count on my support.

Sincerely,

Adlah "Foncie" Donastorg

cc: All Senators