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Senator, 28th Legislature

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*Planning and
Environmental Protection*

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

Dear Senator Hill,

As per my previous correspondence in regard to my concerns about unpermitted and pollution generating projects here at the Legislature, I must ask you why no effort was made on your part to determine whether such work was lawful?

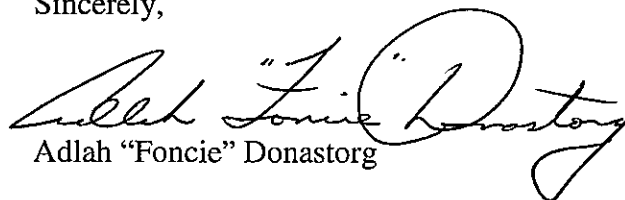
As you know, our Chief Legal Counsel, was formerly employed by the Department of Planning and Natural Resources and is an expert in Coastal Zone Management law. Why did the Executive Director, Mr. Louis Willis, nor your self seek her opinion before moving forward?

Given the breadth of your experience as a public official and your past work on environmental issues, how can you claim ignorance in regard to a project of this scope and considerable expense? It seems somewhat disingenuous when you are quoted in the newspaper as saying you were not aware of what was taking place here at the facility you are charged with managing.

When I saw what had taken place on Tuesday, I immediately contacted our Chief Counsel via email to inquire as to the legality of such work and she was able to answer my question in a matter of hours. She was able to confirm that such construction was illegal and highly detrimental to our environment and was in direct violation of local and Federal laws. She also indicated that the Legislature could be subject to fines and the responsible parties could even face jail time for such an offense.

I have attached the opinion for your ready reference.

Sincerely,


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cc: All Senators