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Message from Congresswoman Stacey E. Plaskett

I am pleased to support the U.S. Humanitarian Aid Response Team's (U.S.-HART) second annual Safe Waste Solutions (SWS) Summit to be held August 13-14, 2019 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Two years after Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the cleanup and rebuilding efforts continue in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I've had discussions with Senator Tim Scott and Majority Whip James Clyburn on the rebuilding challenges that confront the U.S. Virgin Islands government and those that existed prior to the hurricanes. I thank them for their continued support.

In times of recovery, it is important for communities, government, and the private sector to form Public Private Partnerships (P3s). To that end, I am grateful to have organizations like U.S.-HART helping the U.S. Virgin Islands rebuild resilient, more sustainable communities.

The SWS Summit will examine the effects of hurricane disasters for the second year in a row. Additionally, the Summit will explore the benefits of utilizing Qualified Opportunity Zone Funds, Safe Waste Solutions, and workforce training to provide humanitarian relief to communities affected by natural disasters. The participants of the summit bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with rebuilding communities.

Thank you, South Carolina, for hosting this event. I look forward to great successes as we continue collaborations with U.S.-HART, and I wish you good luck on your SWS Summit 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey E. Plaskett".

Stacey E. Plaskett (D-VI)
Member of Congress