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MESSAGE FROM U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN

I applaud and thank Senator Tim Scott, Congressman James Clyburn, and South Carolina's esteemed leadership for supporting the 2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Housing and Safe Waste Solutions (SWS) Summit. This SWS Summit is a much needed "call to action."

With the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's prediction of 9-15 named-storms, including two to four potentially major hurricanes during the 2019 hurricane season, Caribbean islands desperately need a collaborative, strategic emergency plan. The plan should include, for example, workforce training and the deployment of state-of-the-art safe waste solutions to support resilient impactful community restoration.

I must also commend the number of experts participating in round table discussions. I am certain that these discussions will assist the Territory and other Caribbean islands in preparing for current and future hurricane seasons.

I am truly humbled by the generous support for the U.S. Virgin Islands as we prepare for, respond to and recover from future catastrophic occurrences.

May the attendees of this summit have an enlightening experience as we all continue to work together to propel the Caribbean forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marvin A. Blyden".

Marvin A. Blyden
Majority Leader

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