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# MEDIA PRESS RELEASE

**Senator-At-Large Angel Bolques Jr. Extends Profound Gratitude to Governor Albert Bryan Jr. and Commissioner Nominee H. Nathalie Hodge for Instituting a Vital Price Freeze in the St. Croix District**

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands – In response to the 'no drinking' advisory issued for potable water within certain areas of St. Croix due to elevated levels of copper and lead, Senator Angel Bolques Jr. commends Governor Albert Bryan Jr. and Commissioner Nominee H. Nathalie Hodge for their swift action to protect the residents of the District of St. Croix from price gouging and unfair business practices.

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, under the leadership of Commissioner Nominee Hodge, pursuant to the provisions of V.I. Code Ann. Tit. 11, § 1015, and Title 11, Chapter 17, Section 1015- 1, Virgin Islands Rules, and Regulations, have taken proactive measures to safeguard the well-being of our citizens during this perilous time. The price freeze implemented by the Governor and Commissioner Nominee Hodge ensures that essential items

necessary for the production of water, including bottled water, water haulers, filters, and filtering systems, remain affordable and accessible to the people of St. Croix.

Senator Bolques emphasizes, "I am profoundly grateful to Governor Albert Bryan Jr. and Commissioner Nominee H. Nathalie Hodge for their resolute efforts in protecting our community from price gouging and speculative practices during this water crisis. Their dedication to ensuring that the people of St. Croix have access to clean and safe drinking water is commendable."

Furthermore, Senator Bolques expresses his commitment to work hand in hand with the Administration to implement fair and reasonable corrective measures that will further protect the citizens of the St. Croix District during this challenging period. "By working together, we can find the best solutions to address the water quality issues and ensure that our peoples' needs are met. The collaborative spirit demonstrated by the Governor and Commissioner Nominee Hodge is a powerful reminder that we can overcome any challenges we face together, united as one."

Senator Bolques stands united with the people of St. Croix and pledges to continue working diligently to address the water crisis and to create a safer and more secure future for all residents.

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