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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-4006

July 10, 2018

The Honorable Senator Marvin Blyden Legislator of the Virgin Islands Capital Building P.O. Box 1690 St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands 00804

Dear Senator Blyden,

I am pleased to serve, along with my colleague Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett, as Honorary Co-Chair of the Inaugural US HART Emergency Response Education of the Emergency Safe Waste Summit/Housing for the Caribbean, and Women Emergency Caribbean Aid Now Initiative.

This Emergency Safe Waste Summit examination of hurricane disaster "Prepare, Respond, and Recover" solutions in anticipation of an active Atlantic Ocean storm season will be invaluable. While representing the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of South Carolina, which includes communities along the coastline, I know firsthand the devastation caused by tropical storms and other natural disasters. Developing the Emergency Safe Waste Summit will provide the first such forum for this important and compassionate collaboration.

As an Honorary Co-Chair, I hope this initiative brings together needed resources to the US Virgin Islands and other Caribbean communities to better prepare for disaster recovery work in many areas.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn

Member of Congress