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MEDIA PRESS RELEASE

Senator-At-Large Angel Bolques Jr. Calls for Water Price Freeze to Address WAPA Water Crisis

St. Croix, Virgin Islands – "As your representative in the Virgin Islands Senate, I am deeply concerned about the recent developments at the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) and the potential impact on our constituents' water supply and quality. Access to safe and affordable water is a fundamental human right, and we must take immediate steps to safeguard it."

"Given the critical importance of water to human survival and health, I am calling on Governor Albert Bryan Jr. to direct the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs to institute a price freeze on all water sales on the island of St. Croix. This price freeze should encompass bottled water, water hauled for human consumption, and water filtration products. In light of recent concerns about price gouging, we must prevent any opportunistic exploitation of our residents during this crisis. Price gouging in times of need is not only morally reprehensible, but it undermines the well-being of our people. Water is the most precious resource for human survival. In these challenging times, we must ensure that our people are not deprived of adequate drinking water or taken advantage of due to the ongoing crisis at the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority."

"In particular, I am deeply concerned about the well-being of our senior population, who may be experiencing heightened anxiety and vulnerability due to this water crisis. We must act swiftly to mitigate their concerns and ensure their access to affordable and safe drinking water. I call for our Honorable Governor for this price freeze to take place post haste so that our constituents can have peace of mind regarding their fair access to clean and affordable drinking water. It is our duty to protect the well-being of the people of our communities, especially during times of crisis."

"I remain committed to working alongside Governor Bryan Jr. and my fellow legislators to address the challenges at WAPA and to ensure the continued provision of safe and affordable water services to the residents of St. Croix. Senator Bolques Jr. concluded"

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