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**DLCA Warns Against Alleged Scam Requesting Donations by the
Government of the United States Virgin Islands**

U.S. Virgin Islands – Commissioner Richard T. Evangelista of The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs is advising the general public that there is an individual and/or group portraying to represent the Government of the United States Virgin Islands and soliciting donations from companies operating in the United States Virgin Islands.

The solicitation indicates "President Donald Trump, Jr. is seeking donations of \$25,000.00 and upwards from companies and business owners operating within Virgin Islands to fund research programs to find a cure and possibly a vaccine for the deadly COVID-19 virus." The letter further states that "Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. endorsed the appointment of Commissioner of Finance, Mr. Kirk Callwood, with the responsibility to with the responsibility of coordinating the fundraising activities in the Virgin Islands". The solicitation is printed on what appears to be authentic letterhead but upon closer examination, one quickly realizes that the contact number is incorrect for the Department of Finance and Commissioner Callwood's signature was transposed from an unknown source.

If you receive a call, email, or letter requesting a donation for the Government of the Virgin Islands that you believe to be suspicious, hang up or do not respond. We encourage the public to report the solicitation for a donation to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs or to the VIPD.

For consumer related issues you may email us at consumerawareness@dlca.vi.gov or call our hotlines on St. Croix 340.727.SCAM(7226) or St.Thomas/St. John at 340.771.SCAM(7226). You may also file a consumer complaint at www.dlca.vi.gov.

For more information on COVID-19, the new strain of coronavirus, please visit the USVI Department of Health's website, doh.vi.gov/coronavirus or text COVID19USVI to 888777. For non-medical information call (340) 715-6843 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. 7 days per week. #COVID19USVI

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**THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR DONATION TO COMBAT COVID-19 FROM
THE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES COMMUNITY**

US VIRGIN ISLANDS - The United States of America under the tutelage of President Donald Trump Jr is seeking private donations of \$25,000 upwards from companies and business owners operating within Virgin Island to fund research programs to find a cure and possibly a vaccine for the deadly COVID-19 virus.

The department of finance, endorsed by Governor Albert Bryan, has been charged with the responsibility of coordinating the fundraising activities on the Virgin Islands.

Tax waivers and financial concessions will be given to companies and business owners that participate in this scheme.

If your company is interested in assisting the federal government, kindly signify your interest and state the amount of money you are willing to donate towards the fight of this deadly virus.

Upon your donation, you will receive a personal message from Governor Albert Bryan and a certificate of honor will be issued to you from the government house.

All information decimated here should be treated confidentially.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kirk Callwood, Sr.'.

Kirk Callwood, Sr.
Commissioner



Endorsed by:
The Office of the Governor