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Darryl A. Smalls, PE
Commissioner
Department of Public Works
6002 Estate Anna's Hope
Christiansted, VI 00820

RE: Disparate treatment between districts

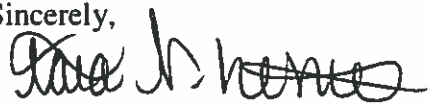
Dear Commissioner Smalls:

I am extremely appalled at the disparate treatment between districts within the Department of Public Works. My research has identified a number of issues that are adversely impacting the public works operation in my district. My concerns are shared below.

- Trucks are taken from St. Croix to St. Thomas and never returned
- Equipment on St. Croix has been broken for years with no plan for repairs
- Employees at the DPW Frederiksted location have been left without supervision and without the tools and resources needed to complete their job
- Bridges and guts in the Frederiksted area are not maintained and pose a danger to our community
- The Frederiksted office has been broken into and no one has been arrested even though cameras are located in the building
- The supplies stored in the Frederiksted location are decades old for vehicles that have been retired
- Conditions of the Frederiksted building are demoralizing
- The Department has lost the faith, confidence and trust of the St. Croix employees
- Deputy Commissioners on St. Croix must be given the latitude to set goals and objectives for the district
- A lion share of the budget for the Public Works Department is heavily spent on the district of St. Thomas exacerbating the problems in my district

I hereby request a meeting with you and your St. Croix division heads to address the concerns listed above. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,


for Nellie Rivera O'Reilly