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The Hon. Clay Glennford Sweeting MP
Minister of Works and Family Island Affairs
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P O Box N 8156
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RE: Proposed Tarpum Bay Commonage Land Committee Rules.

Dear Minister Sweeting

We are pleased to submit to you for your formal consideration and gazetting, the attached draft Tarpum Bay Commonage Land Committee (TBCLC) Rules. They are submitted to you in your dual capacity as Minister with responsibility for Commonage Land, but perhaps just as important as our Member of Parliament.

Minister, as you are aware, the TBCLC has not had its rules updated since the mid-1920s. These now antiquated and outdated rules cannot govern the community in its current state of development, and they are inadequate to facilitate the future community development plans that are being discussed.

In drafting these updated rules, the TBCLC appointed a Rules subcommittee chaired by Commoner Eric A. Carey. The Committee reviewed all relevant legislation including gazette rules from other communities on Eleuthera and in Exuma. Officers and members of these various communities were also consulted for their views and experience.

These draft rules were then presented to the TBCLC for their review and comment. Following this, the draft rules were presented by the Executive to the Committee at a meeting held on Monday December 2nd. The meeting was attended by X persons in person and via Zoom. The draft rules were unanimously approved by the TBCLC. The minutes from that meeting reflecting the approval are attached.

As this moves through the process, including vetting and review by the Attorney General's Office, our Committee stands by to provide any support or insights that may be needed.

Minister, these new rules are long in coming and way past due. We look forward to your expeditious action on our behalf. Our growing and exuberant Tarpum Bay commonage community would be excited to see these finalized and formally gazetted.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erma V. Carey", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Erma V. Carey
Secretary