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Dear Hon. Premier Richardson-Hodge,

The deteriorating geopolitical conditions and global economic environment present critical challenges for Anguilla; challenges that, from all indications, will negatively affect every resident, to a degree that can only be mitigated through swift and decisive action by a caring and compassionate government.

When the APM Administration left office in February 2025, we had amassed EC\$300 million in reserves, and all government revenue streams were performing well, with some exceeding budget expectations, case in point, the .ai revenues. Anguilla was on a solid foundation and on a clear path to financial independence.

These reserves were built through deliberate and, at times, difficult decisions, with the intention that they would serve as a buffer during periods of economic strain. I wish to commend you for the recent announcement of steps taken to provide relief for the residents and businesses in Anguilla by controlling the cost of fuel and electricity. In my opinion, there is need for significant relief in other areas.

In light of present conditions, there is growing public interest in understanding the extent to which the fiscal reserves remain available and how they are being positioned to support the people of Anguilla during this time.

I write to you in my capacity as Leader of the Opposition in the Anguilla House of Assembly to formally request an update on the current status of Anguilla's government finances, with specific details outlined below. I respectfully request the following:

- The current balance of the government's reserves
- A breakdown of any drawdowns or allocations made from the reserves over the past 13 months
- Any existing or planned commitments against the reserves
- The government's policy framework guiding the use of reserves in the current economic climate
- A report on the fiscal position of the Government of Anguilla
- A report on the performance of all major revenue streams, including import duty
- The government's plan to manage the proposed budget deficit of over \$70 million, which is projected to be funded from reserves in 2026, including whether there are plans to reduce expenditure

- Any plans by the Government of Anguilla to assist hospitality workers and the underemployed during the 2026 off-season, which is forecasted to coincide with a peak in the economic downturn

This information will not only foster transparency and public confidence but will also support constructive dialogue on practical measures to ease the burden on households and businesses. I am sure you will agree that, given the ongoing global economic pressures and their direct impact on the increased cost of living for Anguillian families and the burdensome cost of doing business, clarity around the nation's fiscal position is essential. I would appreciate your response at your earliest convenience and would welcome the opportunity for further discussion on this matter.

Thank you for your urgent attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. L. Webster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Ellis L. Webster

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