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"BUILD TO THE FUTURE NOT THE PAST" is my final op ed in the four part series running on Tuesday. Now is not the time for complacency or pressing your delete button!

St. Thomas and our economic well being will be irreparably harmed with respect to the cruise industry and capturing the mega oasis class ships if we don't add berthing capacity now.

THERE ARE NO HOTELS BEING BUILT ON ST. THOMAS OR EXPECTED NEW TAX REVENUE COMING FROM THIS SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY.

We need the Long Bay Dock and festival village project to remain competitive regionally.

The Governor and his inner circle will look at this deal strictly in terms of the upcoming election cycle. He cannot win without St. Thomas and our support.

The governor just signed today into law his tax bill which will hurt local businesses profoundly on all three islands.

Let's insist that the Governor put The Long Bay Dock deal back into play. It will restore hope to St. Thomas businesses and revive our failing economy.

The cruise industry and each ship visit provides a guaranteed revenue stream that supports the government, government jobs, and the private sector. This project is a no brainer!

Filippo