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The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce was established in 1965 and is a non-profit organisation that exists to Support, Promote and Protect Cayman business and the wider community. We proudly represent nearly 700 businesses and associations from every major industry sector.

26th September 2014

Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick, CB
Governor to the Cayman Islands
Government Administration Building
George Town, Grand Cayman
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Your Excellency,

The Council and I wish to thank you, Commissioner of Police David Baines and Chief Officer in the Ministry of Home and Community Affairs Eric Bush for taking the time to meet on Friday, 19th September at our offices in Governors Square to address the escalation in crime involving some of our member businesses, private residents and the wider community.

Crime prevention and reduction involves all stakeholders, including parents, students, schools, Department of Education, Department of Children and Family Services, Ministry of Health and Education, Prison, Police and the private sector. Based on our discussions it appears that there are several internal issues and a lack of cohesion that must be resolved in order to truly address the crime issues that face our community.

We are prepared to play our part as a not-for-profit organisation as we have done over the years to appeal to our membership for assistance. These past requests have led to the launch of Cayman Crime Stoppers, Put Drugs Out of Business programme, Fraud Prevention seminars, Gun buy back initiatives, sponsorship for additional traffic officers during busy shopping periods and two economic crime surveys.

We have arranged a meeting with Michael Myles so we can receive an update on the progress that he is making with youth at risk projects and programmes in the community and to determine what assistance he may require. We also plan to meet with the Prison Director to receive an update on rehabilitation programmes that have been introduced and his efforts to reduce the level of repeat offenders and to reintroduce them back into the workforce.

We would like to provide our membership with an update about our meeting and the progress that is being made. Would you have any objection if we prepare a general statement for your review? We would also request a copy of the crime prevention and reduction strategy that Mr. Bush referenced during our meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Johann Moxam
President