To:
The Prime Minister of St. Maarten,
The Honorable Marcel F Gumbs
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Philipsburg, June 29th, 2015


Honorable Prime Minister Gumbs,

Your captioned letter has been received in good order,
I thank the government for including some of my proposals in the "Nota van Wijziging" and for the in-depth response to my letter dated April 16th, and the suggestions contained therein. Allow me to react:

I can now concur with your argumentation NOT to amend article 1, sub b under a of the draft ordinance.

With respect to article 33 and my proposal to further elucidate this article, I wish to solicit the assistance of government in drafting an amendment to further clarify the workings of this article.

Article 29: After due consideration, I can live with the biannual reporting by the Integrity Chamber as I leave it to the discretion of that body to additionally inform Parliament of any matter that requires the attention of Parliament, especially in the initial period of operations.

Article 24: I concur with government's view, to have at least a window for final scrutiny by the Executive branch of government and would only suggest that the word gemotiveerd be preceded by uitvoering.

With respect to the position of the Chamber vis-a-vis other constitutional institutions, I can agree, as in my opinion article 25 places the onus of that distinction on the integrity Chamber.

I end with again expressing my appreciation for Government's candid response and await your proposal for amending article 33, which will then be put to Parliament.

Respectfully,

Sarah A. Wescot-Williams
Member of Parliament (DP)

C.C. Parliament of St. Maarten.