



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

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## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Minister of Finance  
Mr. P.F.M. Geerlings  
**Philipsburg**

UV/190/2018-2019

Philipsburg, February 1, 2019


Re: Request from MP T.E. Leonard for the Minister of Finance to consider waving all taxes for promoters organizing shows/concerts during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sint Maarten Carnival

Hon. Minister Geerlings,

Herewith I submit to you a request from Member of Parliament, Ms. T.E. Leonard pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,



S.A. Wescot-Williams  
President of Parliament



Tamara Leonard

Member of the Parliament of  
Sint Maarten

President of Parliament  
Sarah Wescot-Williams  
Present

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Philipsburg, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Subject:** Requesting the Minister of Finance to wave taxes on shows/concerts during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sint Maarten Carnival

Honorable President,

This year Sint Maarten will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Carnival season. Such a significant milestone is a perfect opportunity for our country to make use of, taking into account that our economy is recovering of the passing of Hurricane Irma.

The Sint Maarten Carnival Development Foundation along with the Tourist Bureau has been doing a great job promoting our 50<sup>th</sup> Carnival Season both abroad and on Sint Maarten. A point of concern that is raised over and over come Carnival Season, is the heavy tax burden promoters are faced with when organizing shows/concerts.

Honorable Chairlady, consequently I would like to request the Honorable Minister of Finance to consider waving all taxes for promoters organizing shows/concerts during Carnival Season. This in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Tax ordinance.

Such a waiver would have immediate and long-term effect on our economy. This would allow promoters to; bring larger and superior artists to our country, promote and market Sint Maarten to the world even further, while entrance fees can be kept at a reasonable price.

Making sure Sint Maarten remains on the radar as a tourist destination is the responsibility of us all, and as a Government this can be a perfect opportunity to do our part in assisting with the remarkable work the Sint Maarten Carnival Development Foundation has been doing.

I sincerely hope the Minister takes all the benefits of such a waiver into account, and I look forward to a prompt response.

Respectfully,

Ms. Tamara E. Leonard,  
Member of Parliament

Cc.: Council of Ministers