TO: THE PREMIER AND ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA –

## BE IT KNOWN THIS DAY THAT THE CITIZENS OF BERMUDA HAVE VOICED THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE SITTING GOVERNMENT OF THESE ISLANDS OF BERMUDA

AS CITIZENS OF THIS ISLAND CALLED BERMUDA, WE FIND OURSELVES AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE SITTING GOVERNMENT HAS IGNORED THE DIGNITY AND THE CONCERNS OF YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, THE ELECTORATE.

WE DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO GAZE INTO YOUR CRYSTAL BALL AND GARNER SOLUTIONS TO ALL OF OUR CHALLENGES.

HOWEVER, WE THE PEOPLE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED
THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO-DATE TAKEN GREAT STEPS TO
DISCARD THE REAL NEEDS OF THE POPULATION, IN ORDER TO
CREATE ASSURANCES TO ALL OF OUR VISITING WORK FORCE.

IT IS EVIDENT THAT YOUR EFFORTS TO DATE HAVE REMOVED
THE PRESUMED ISSUE THAT SURROUNDS TERM LIMITS, AND
PERHAPS YOU ARE NOW CONTEMPLATING GREATER COMFORT

FOR VISITING WORKERS IN RESPECT TO ADJUSTED WORK PERMITS.

EVEN MORE DRASTIC WAS THE VISION TO ENGAGE THE CHILDREN OF VISITING WORKERS IN DIRECT COMPETITION FOR THE FEW AVAILABLE EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS OUR CHILDREN WOULD FIND. LACK OF OR LIMITED WORK EXPERIENCE WOULD CERTAINLY BE THROWING OUR CHILDREN UNDER THE BUS.

IT IS ALSO EVIDENT THAT THIS GOVERNMENT HAS REWARDED EACH AND EVERY VISITING WORKER AN OPEN ENDED PASSPORT TO REMAIN AS AN ACTIVE, FUNCTIONING PART OF THE WORKFORCE IN BERMUDA WITHOUT SECURING THE SAME FOR ANY BORN BERMUDIAN WORKERS.

THE TRUTH REMAINS A MYSTERY IN RESPECT TO BALANCE, YES, BALANCE OF EMPLOYMENT, HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR US. THIS BERMUDA THAT YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO PLACATE IS VOID OF ASSURANCES FOR YOUR OWN PEOPLE, THOSE YOU TOOK AN OATH TO PROTECT AND SERVE.

THE IDEA THAT BERMUDIANS ONLY HAVE VALUE FOR BEING RESIDUE WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY OF THEIR BIRTH, SHOULD CAUSE EVERY BERMUDIAN TO SHUDDER WITH A VEXING SPIRIT.

CAN IT BE THAT DIFFICULT FOR US TO HAVE A PARADIGM SHIFT IN OUR LIFE EXPERIENCE?

- 1) WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA NOT GALVANIZING THE BERMUDIANS TO RESTRUCTURE THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO HAVE A CHANGE OF FORTUNE FOR THE ISLAND AND THEMSELVES?
- 2) WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THE SAME LINE OF PRACTICE THAT WILL SURELY HAVE US REVISIT THIS POSITION OF UNCERTAINTY IN OUR FUTURE?
- 3) WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY WAY BERMUDIANS CAN SURVIVE IS TO ALLOW ALL VISITING WORKERS AND COMPANIES TO THRIVE IN OUR HOMELAND?
- 4) WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA NOT UNDERSTAND THAT A PARADIGM SHIFT WOULD RESET THE MINDSET OF BERMUDIANS AND HELP TO CURTAIL MUCH OF THE NEGATIVE SOCIAL BEHAVIOURS?

THE PREMIER HAS STATED THAT WE THE PEOPLE HAVE A FEAR, OFFICIALS IN THE GOVERNMENT PARTY HAVE STATED THAT BERMUDIANS ARE XENOPHOBIC. HOWEVER THAT FEAR IS BASED ON THE EVOLUTION THAT THIS GOVERNMENT SEEMS DETERMINED TO ALIGN ALL OUR VISITING WORKFORCE WITH AS MUCH SUCCESS AS POSSIBLE, WHILE CONSTANTLY BELITTLING BERMUDIANS AS SERVANTS ONLY AND ENCOURAGING US TO BE GRATEFUL AND APPRECIATE THE CRUMBS THAT FALL OFF THE VISITING WORKERS TABLES.

SURELY THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THIS STRATEGY WILL ONLY STIMULATE FURTHER DISDAIN BETWEEN ONE TOO MANY BERMUDIANS AND OUR VISITING WORKFORCE.

THE CONSTANT SWAYING OF DECISIONS CONTRARY TO PROMISED OR EDICT ANNOUNCEMENTS HAS HELPED TO EMBRACE A SENSE OF MISTRUST OF THE SITTING GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA. THESE ARE THE TYPE OF PRECURSOR ACTIVITIES/DECISIONS THAT LEAD TO DISCORD.

WE THE PEOPLE OF BERMUDA INVITE, NO DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA REVISIT THEIR OATH OF OFFICE AND COMMITMENT TO US THE ELECTORATE AND PEOPLES OF THESE ISLANDS OF BERMUDA.

Submitted this day on the hill of decisions in the city of Hamilton, Bermuda

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