



**August 31, 2020**

**TO: Key West Mayor and City of Key West Commissioners**  
**RE: Abatement Dockage/ Rent**

With regards to the last six months debate and discussion regarding the March – June Covid 19 closing of the Florida Keys and shut down of all business, our Company would like to give our input. We wish to put our support behind Barry Gibson and Sam Kaufman with The Key West Boatman's Association to adopt the current proposal three months rental abatement, no other deferred months, no further rental adjustments nor any more delays, then review again after September 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be the last quarter of the year and we all will have an idea of where we stand economically for the previous six months.

The many meetings of different agencies and commissions have yet to yield a solution. Although the businesses in Key West are all of different kinds and have all have different types of revenue and varied levels of income, it seems that to avoid going out of business, it seems that right now everyone must find some type of relief package that all may agree upon.

Time is past for some who already have chosen or were forced to close their doors. As it stands for our Company, the only reason we paid any bills was due to various loan sources that will come due by the beginning of 2021 and some will be due sooner. Our tourists' income alone was not sufficient.

**We are in a disaster. THE TIME IS NOW TO ACT.**

Deferral on top of paying back loans, fixed costs, insurance and payroll to keep open will be difficult in an already unknown future economy with uncontrollable influences such as Covid 19 and the recent hurricanes. Let's try to keep all of our businesses intact and move forward. Thank you for your consideration and a speedy resolution.