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Open Letter to Hon. Premier of Bermuda

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The Hon. Paula A. Cox JP
Premier & Minister of Finance
Bermuda

Dear Mrs. Cox,

I have lost track of how many occasions in recent times you have, in your capacity as Premier of Bermuda made attacks on me, as Cayman's Premier; but there have been several.

Until now, I have not spoken as Premier of the Cayman Islands to ever rebut or answer you back. I have never, but now I say, please; this must stop. As Cayman's Premier, I consider your statements, your behavior, as the Bermuda Premier - to be wholly unjustified, and downright antagonistic.

Paula Cox needs to concentrate on what can help Bermudans survive in these critical days, just as McKeever Bush is trying to do for Caymanians!!!

The fact is, as Cayman's Premier I have never attacked, any other country, including Bermuda not even when its Premier consistently attacks me. I consider my relationships with all regional Territories to be highly amicable.

The Cayman Islands is open for business and as Premier I am busy trying to make life better for Caymanians and those who live and move and have their being here. The Cayman Islands do have problems, but my Government is busy working to lessen impacts on our people.

For example - there are:

- 3 New Hotels and 1 Golf Course currently being planned.
- A medical tourism project breaks ground in late August.
- Agreement with the Dart group of Companies will bring \$1 ½ bn. of business in 5 years.



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- An innovative – Enterprise City/Special Economic Zone is moving ahead quickly – which means new business is coming.

I have every right to promote what is good about the Cayman Islands - even if you read into it, that it is something that is competitive to Bermuda. Cayman also has its competitors – but I don't attack their leaders.

Hon. Paula Cox – the Cayman Premier is busy working. What are you doing for Bermuda?

My advice is you should stop attacking me and use your energy to move the good Islands of Bermuda forward.

Hon. W. McKeeva Bush, OBE, JP
Premier, and
Minister of Finance, Tourism & Development