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FROM: Director Keniseli F. Lafaele  
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SUBJECT: **Price Gouging after Disasters**

To whom it may concern,

Did you know ASCA Title 27 Chapter 9 prohibits price gouging? This means when a state of emergency has been declared in the Territory, businesses cannot raise prices more than 10% on essential items such as food, water, gas, and building materials. If you believe a company is price gouging after Cyclone Gita, please reach out to the American Samoa Bureau of Consumer Protection (ASBCP) immediately. It is illegal!

For further information, visit the official Facebook page of the American Samoa Bureau of Consumer Protection or give them a call at 633-4163.

O 'e silafia e faasa e le Tulafono O Le Malo Amerika Samoa (ASCA Title 27 Chpt.9) O le sii lea I luga o tau o oloa o faleoloa ma pisinisi I le taimi o mafatiaga o tagatanuu ona o faalavelave faafuasei faanatura?

O lona uiga, a faailoa I se faasalalauaga faalauaitete e le Teritori se faalavelave faafuasei faanatura, e pei ole afa o Gita, e faasa I lena taimi le tasii I luga o tau o oloa ile 10% mai le tau masani ai aemaise oloa meaa, Vai, kesi ma mea fau Fale.

A faapea ua e silafia se pisinisi o loo faia lea soli tulafono (price gouging), I le taimi ma le maea atu lea o se faalavelave faafuasei, faamolemole, ia vave ripoti mai I lo matou ofisa- ua matuai faasaina lea tulaga e le tulafono.

Ua i ai le aiaiga faalauaitete o Le Teritori e puipui ona tagatanuu mai nei soli tulafono.

Fa'afetai,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Lafaale', written over a horizontal dashed line.

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