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Statement From: Mayor Robert M. “Bobby” Dyer

We understand the intense interest in and concern about how Mr. Williams feels and about the future of “Something in the Water.” We reached out to him because we had heard rumors of concerns and wanted to talk with him to see what we could do to address them.

The invitation remains open. We would welcome the opportunity to talk with him, to hear first-hand the specific concerns he has.

Going forward with “Something in the Water” was one of the first major decisions I had to make after being elected in 2019. Not everyone thought it was the right thing to do, but I believed it would be good for Virginia Beach, and it was a huge success.

We lost momentum last year because of COVID, but it was our intention then, and it remains now, to host the event in 2022. We see it as a catalyst for promoting positivity and that’s why the manager and I still want to talk. We’re hopeful Pharrell will accept.