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The Honorable Myron D. Jackson
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Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth & Recreation
31st Legislature of the Virgin Islands
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Dear Chairman Jackson:

I am in receipt of your invitation to the Virgin Islands Transfer Centennial Commission to appear before the legislative Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth & Recreation at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on Friday, March 27, 2015.

Unfortunately, as you are aware, I will be off-island on this date; therefore, I cannot attend the hearing.

Upon inquiry of our fellow Commission members, others have indicated similar scheduling conflicts while a core group has expressed a desire not to appear in my absence, nor to provide testimony until we meet with Governor Mapp to provide an update on our activities and afford him an opportunity to convey his vision for the centennial and thoughts on the direction of the Commission's efforts. As a valued Commission member, you also are aware that I am awaiting a response for my February 20 request for the Commission to meet with our Governor.

Thus, it is with regret that I inform you that the members of the Virgin Islands Transfer Centennial Commission will not attend the hearing which has been scheduled for March 27; however, as indicated previously, we will be delighted to provide the Committee and the general public an update on our progress *after* we meet with Governor Mapp.

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience these circumstances may yield.

Cordially,



Pamela C. Richards
Chairman