

Good Morning Honorable, Senator Myron D. Jackson and Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation, other Committee and non-Committee members of the 31st Legislature, those in attendance and viewing audience.

For the record my name is Shalyn Proctor, Chief Financial Officer for the Virgin Islands Lottery. I am representing Mr. Juan Figueroa, Sr., Executive Director for the Virgin Islands Lottery who is off-island and is not able to be here today.

The Executive Director, the Director of Security and Investigations and I made an unannounced visit to the Island Horse Welfare and the Golden Age Ranch Sites on February 25, 2016. These two entities are paid by the Virgin Islands Lottery on a quarterly basis in accordance with Act No. 7580 which dictates that .50% of proceeds derived by the Virgin Islands Lottery from video lottery on St. Thomas and St. John are divided equally between the Islands Horse Welfare and Golden Age Ranch. The legislation is clear that the proceeds are for the protection and the care of retired and injured horses.

It was told to us that the Island Horse Welfare is using the funds to transport horses off island and that is not the intent of the legislation. Therefore, it is the Director's recommendation that the funding directed to the Island Horse Welfare through the Community Foundation be redirected to the Golden Age Ranch.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Virgin Islands Lottery Commission and Management, I say thank you to the men and women of the Virgin Islands Lottery. This concludes my testimony. I am available to respond to any questions you may have.