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property transfers, bank accounts and investment accounts. The staff processes many cases where aging individuals in varying stages of Dementia and Alzheimer have been victimized and taken advantage by persons not to exclude their families.

The department would respectfully request the sponsors and this committee consider a review of VI Code Title 34, chapter 15; the Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Act. Subsection 470 speaks specifically about "Financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult; bad faith." The subsection references wrongful use, bad faith and reasonable person standard. We believe this section of the VI Code provides a good framework to assist in the protection of said population, but requires strengthen to ensure persons can be prosecuted for exploitation acts committed against the aging and vulnerable population.

Thank you for the opportunity to place on record testimony for the aforementioned bill. I stand ready to answer any questions at the appropriate time.

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Drafted Testimony from Lisandra Latorre on November 24, 2015:

Good Morning Senator Janette Millin Young, chairperson of the Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning, committee and non-committee members, fellow testifiers, listening and viewing audience. I am Vivian I. Ebbesen-Fludd, Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. I sit before you this morning to testify on Bill number 31-0226, an Act amending title 9 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 adding subchapter II enacting the "Virgin Islands Multiple Person's Account."