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The Honorable Janette Millin Young
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Greetings Senator Millin Young:

Thank you for your recent invitation to testify at a hearing before the Committee for Economic Development, Agriculture, and Planning. It is certainly a wonderful opportunity to share all of the exciting happenings at the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network and how we continue to transition successfully from a grant-funded project to sustainable business operations. I regret to inform you that I am unable to appear at the prescribed date and time of Friday, December 4, 2015 at 1:30pm as a result of a schedule conflict that I am unable to resolve.

However, I would like to share with you and the fellow Honorable Members of your Committee that the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network remains committed to our mission to provide world-class, open access, high-speed, 100% fiber optic broadband services to the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, and the world via local, regional, and international partnerships and serve as an example of broadband best practices within the United States, with a focus on and commitment to the continued broadband infrastructure, economic, and community development of the U.S. Virgin Islands. We are fully committed to not only the economic development and recovery of our Territory, but more so to the economic and technological development of our fellow Virgin Islanders. This is a commitment on which we are intently focused and remains at the forefront of all of our efforts to stimulate economic growth and position St. Croix and the U.S. Virgin Islands as the technology corridor of the Caribbean, Latin and South America, transform the daily life and improve the overall quality of life of all Virgin Islanders through efficiencies effectuated through the power of broadband applications, and invest in the People of the Virgin Islands through the implementation of community technology education initiatives designed to stimulate the economy through the redistribution of wealth within the Territory.

We, at viNGN, are making major strides toward positioning the U.S. Virgin Islands as a major contributor to the global technology industry and I would like the honor of the opportunity to appear before the Committee in the very near future to share our efforts and progress in detail. I thank you and your Committee for your continued interest in and dedicated support of the future of the economic development of our Territory via the Virgin Islands Next Generation Network.

Respectfully Submitted,



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