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**TESTIMONY**  
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE**  
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**BILL NO. 31-0100**

Good day to the Honorable Chair, Honorable members of the committee, Honorable Members of the Legislature, distinguished guest and the public. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the 31<sup>st</sup> Legislature, Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning Committee on Bill No. 31-0100, purpose of which is to provide for the cultivation and production of Hemp and its derivative products.

My name is Curtis A. Griffin, Deputy Commissioner of Police, at the Virgin Islands Police Department. My testimony on the matter concerns only the Virgin Islands Police Departments potential role in respect to the provisions of the bill. After careful review we have noted the following:

- Page 4, line 22 referring to the applicant's fingerprinting process, we suggest specifying the agency authorized to take the prints rather than the terms "a law-enforcement officer," as the VIPD is the only agency we are aware of taking certified fingerprints,
- Page 5, first paragraph- the VIPD conducts NCIC and local records checks for criminal investigations and authorized back-ground investigations. An applicant is required to provide a notarized authorization form prior to any investigation into their records.

Noting that the Federal Government have already amended federal law and/or regulations providing for the cultivation and processing on Hemp and its derivative products, the VIPD will comply with any requirements provided within the law.

Thank you once more for the opportunity to participate in this process.