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Senate Committee on Government Services, Consumer and Veterans Affairs

Testimony on Bill No. 31-0129

GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE SENATOR JUSTIN HARRIGAN SR., CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE SENATORS MYRON D. JACKSON, JANETTE MILLIN YOUNG, SAMUEL SANES, NEVILLE JAMES, TERRENCE NELSON, MARVIN BLYDEN, AND TREGENZA A. ROACH. GOOD AFTERNOON ALSO TO THE LISTENING AND VIEWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. I AM RANDOLPH N. BENNETT, COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT.

FIRSTLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER AND VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR AFFORDING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BILL NO. 31-0129. ADDITIONALLY, THANK YOU SENATOR BLYDEN AND CHAIRMAN HARRIGAN FOR PROPOSING

THIS BILL. THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE.

I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF ANY MOTION THAT WILL FULLY BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF ALLOWING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON VEHICLES FOR AUCTION. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MANY WITH LOW INCOMES SHOULD BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON USED VEHICLES IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP THEIR FAMILIES WITH TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN A COST EFFECTIVE MANNER.

DURING MY TENURE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT, THERE WILL BE NO HIGH VOLUME BIDS. MEANING NO BIDDER WILL BE ALLOWED TO BID ON SEVERAL VEHICLES AT THE ACTIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, EVERY BIDDER WILL BE ALLOWED A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON A VEHICLE TO SUPPORT THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLE NEEDS.

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FURTHER, ALL VEHICLE AUCTIONS WILL BE A FAIR PROCESS TO ALL
INVOLVED.