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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE 31ST LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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HONORABLE SENATOR JUSTIN HARRIGAN SR., CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CONSUMER AND VETERANS
AFFAIRS, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, HONORABLE
SENATORS PRESENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I AM GUSTAV JAMES, COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS. I APPEAR BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY TO OFFER TESTIMONY AT
THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN ON PROPOSED BILL NO. 31-0157,

An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 43, section
501, subsection (e), to provide that all monies collected pursuant to
subsection (e) be disbursed one half to the Department of Public
Works and one half to the Virgin Islands Police Department

I WISH TO THANK THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SENATOR NEREIDA RIVERA
O'REILLY AND THE REST OF THIS BODY FOR THIS CONSIDERATION. THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL
FUNDS IN OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE TERRITORY'S
INFRASTRUCTURE. THE SUBJECT VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR
ROADS, THEREFORE IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE FUNDS COLLECTED BE
ASSIGNED TO OUR AGENCY AND THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

THANK YOU FOR THIS LEGISLATION AND THANK YOU FOR AFFORDING ME
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. THIS CONCLUDES MY TESTIMONY, I
REMAIN AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.