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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. 31-0163,

An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3, section
125 relating to the penalty for damaging public streets, roads or
other places.

I WISH TO THANK THE BILL'S SPONSOR, SENATOR NEREIDA RIVERA
O'REILLY AND THE REST OF THIS BODY FOR THIS ACTION. IT IS
APPROPRIATE THAT IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS THAT DAMAGE OUR PROPERTY
BE ADDRESSED FORCEFULLY ENOUGH SUCH AS TO DETER THE
OCCURRENCE AND FREQUENCY OF THESE ACTS. WE AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPPORT THIS BILL AND LOOK FORWARD TO ITS
ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT.

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.