

**Testimony
of
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Re: Bill No. 36-0199

Good Morning, Chairman Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Vice-Chair Senator Marvin E. Blyden, Committee members: Senators Kurt A. Vialet, Dwayne M. DeGraff, Ray Fonseca, Hubert L. Frederick, and Marise C. James, Non-Committee members, Staff and fellow testifiers.

My name is Randa M. DeSuza, and I serve as the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager of Accent Property Management, LLC. I am a proud UVI graduate and an active residential landlord with experience restoring historic properties in the Virgin Islands.

I stand before you again today, not with discouragement, but with a renewed sense of purpose. When I walked out of this hall after our last hearing on November 17th, I carried a profound feeling of readiness. While I admit there was a slight disappointment that the project was not immediately approved, that feeling was quickly minimized by the support from my family, colleagues and friends.

Most importantly, I was deeply encouraged to learn that members of our community including my financial team were watching the hearing and following the discussion closely. Shortly afterward, I received a message reminding me that “all isn’t lost.” That simple but powerful sentiment reaffirmed what we believe: this community is engaged; my financial team is supportive, and everyone is invested in the success of this project. Knowing that the public is paying attention and standing behind this effort strengthens my determination and brings me here today with a renewed purpose, optimism, and commitment.

As a reminder, Bill No. 36-0199 concerns the lease of Parcels 123 and 129 in Subbase, over 36,000 square feet of industrial land in a vital commercial corridor. These properties are currently in significant disrepair. However, Accent Property Management has already demonstrated our commitment by investing nearly \$20,000 of our own capital to clear debris, remove abandoned vehicles, and secure the site, even prior to lease approval.

The need for this development remains urgent. As the Territory enters a multi-billion-dollar rebuilding phase, we lack adequate industrial space to support the companies handling this reconstruction. Our proposed redevelopment will solve this by bringing this space back online to support logistics, storage, and local contractors.

Our strategy is clear: we will stabilize the buildings, modernize the yard for industrial circulation, and attract a diverse mix of tenants ranging from manufacturers to service-sector support companies.

The market is ready. I am ready and my team is ready. This project will create jobs, generate revenue through a shared structure, and bring long-dormant public assets back into productive use.

We respectfully ask for your support of Bill No. 36-0199, and we look forward to working closely with the Government to unlock the full potential of these properties for the benefit of the community.

I thank you for your time and consideration again.