

August 3, 2026

Honorable Senator Novelle E. Francis

Chair Committee on Budget, Appropriation and Finance

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Senator Kurt A. Violet

Legislative Building

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801

Greetings Senator Novelle E. Francis, from the staff and management of L.J. Auto Repair LLC. Thank you for the invitation to appear before the committee in support of the lease agreement between LJ Auto Repair and the Government of the Virgin Islands.

We would also like to thank the Department of Property and Procurement for the initial lease that has allowed us to be here before this committee today.

L.J. Auto Repair LLC has been in operation for one (1) year, since July 15th, 2025. Lucindo & I have been in the auto repair business for many years and have invested over \$200,000.00 in the facility. We have installed a new roof, flooring and vehicle lift equipment to provide dependable, top-quality automotive repair services to residents, businesses, and the broader Virgin Islands community.

We currently employ five (5) full-time employees and are committed to maintaining a professional workplace that supports local employment, customer safety, and reliable transportation needs throughout the territory.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration and approval of this lease agreement by the Senate body. Approval of this agreement will allow our business to continue operating from a stable location, serve our customers effectively, and further our goal of delivering excellent automotive repair services to the community.

We sincerely appreciate your time, attention, and consideration of this request. We ask for your support in approving the lease agreement before you that will provide us the opportunity to continue to grow and provide stability to our employees and customers.

Best Regards

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