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36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

### RE: Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Testimony and Supporting Documents

Dear Chairman Francis and Honorable Members of the Committee and the Post-Audit Division Staff:

On behalf of the Virgin Islands Board for Career and Technical Education (VIBCTE), we respectfully submit our testimony for the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd, in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (U.S.).

The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide a comprehensive overview of its financial status, contractual obligations, operational accomplishments, and strategic priorities. While the Board continues to operate within persistent fiscal constraints and structural limitations, Fiscal Year 2026 reflects **meaningful and measurable progress** toward a broader transformation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the Virgin Islands—one focused on **coherent career pathways, industry-aligned curricula, and workforce readiness**, rather than isolated programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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