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Authorized Representative, Attorney-in-Fact for Aron Irad Ruan and Irad Ruan

Subject: Testimony before the Committee of the Whole

35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands

Bill No. 350053

An Act granting a zoning use variance for Parcel No. 84 Estate Contant No. 7B Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from the R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) zoning designation to allow for offices.

Good morning, Senators, staff, and the general public.

My name is Roger B. Minkoff.

I am the Authorized Representative and Attorney-in-Fact for Aron Irad Ruan and Irad Ruan, the owners of Oliver Exterminating of St. Thomas, Inc., a long time small-business serving the United States Virgin Islands community, who accompany me today.

We are here today to request approval for an Act granting a zoning use variance for Parcel No. 84 Estate Contant No. 7B Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from the R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) zoning designation to allow for offices.

Personally, and as expressed by both the Executive and Legislative branches of the USVI government, I am in support, and anticipate that you are also be in support, of assisting our community in fulfilling the need to support and encourage small businesses in providing additional office space and additional housing units. This request for a variance addresses those needs.

By passing this request, an Act granting a zoning use variance for Parcel No. 84 Estate Contant No. 7B Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from the R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) zoning designation to allow for offices.

Thank you for your consideration and your yes vote on Bill No. 350053.

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