

Board of Elections

April 9, 2024

Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. President, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands 3022 Estate Golden Rock St. Croix, VI 00820

HAND DELIVERED and SENT VIA Email: senatorfrancis@legvi.org

Dear Senate President Francis:

As you are aware, District Court Chief Judge Robert A. Molloy rendered his judgement in Case No. 3:22-cv-0049 on January 10, 2024. It is imperative that the 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands convene to address his ruling on the unconstitutionality of sections of **Title 18 V.I.C.**, specifically the following: §232; §301(a); §303(a-c); §304(a); §305; §306(a); §307; and §342.

In fact, the aforementioned statutes are of no effect, therefore non-enforceable. Any earlier decisions pursuant to same are subject to reversal upon challenge, as currently evidenced in Case No. 3:22-cv-0049. The Virgin Islands Board of Elections must address the implications of such on the fast approaching 2024 Primary Elections.

Please inform the BOE of the scheduling of this requested hearing by the Committee of the Whole or the designated Committee of jurisdiction. Your immediate attention in this matter is warranted.

Respectfully,

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