



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
GESC/HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
P. O. Box 11177 | St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801

September 16, 2024

The Honorable Senate President Novellette E. Francis

RE: Health Insurance Budget

VIA: Email

Dear Senate President Francis:

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Beverly Joseph, and I am the Active Representative for the District of St. Croix and Chairperson of the GESC Health Insurance Board. I am writing to request to be excused from testifying on Thursday, September 19, 2024, due to a medical emergency that has required me to be out of the territory.

I am currently in recovery and therefore unable to attend the session. I respectfully ask for your support in approving the ratification and the recommendations brought forward by the GESC Health Insurance Board regarding the renewal of contracts with Cigna Healthcare and UnitedHealthcare.

Our Board, alongside our Consultant Gehring Group and advisory members, have diligently worked to ensure that the best possible plans are proposed for your ratification.

This is the first time in my 12-year tenure that I am unable to testify, but I am confident that Dr. Gilbert Comissiong, the active representative for the District of St. Thomas and St. John, will advocate effectively on behalf of the people of the territory and the GESC Health Insurance Board.

Once again, I apologize for my absence and thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beverly Joseph".

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