

February 6, 2023

The Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr.  
Senator-At-Large  
Chairman on the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks  
35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
P.O. Box 1690  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

Dear Chairman Bolques, Jr.,

I would like to thank you for the invitation to appear before the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, on February 22, 2023, on the island of St. Croix, to give testimony on the historic celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Emancipation Commemoration taking place this year.

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority has not been given a role in the organization and implementation of this Commemoration, therefore I do not have any relevant testimony to offer at this hearing and will not be in attendance.

I wish you much success in this first Committee Hearing of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks.

Sincerely,



Roger Merritt, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Waste Management Authority