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The Honorable
Angel Bolques, Jr.
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35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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February 1, 2023

Derek Gabriel
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Dear Commissioner Gabriel,

As the Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, my office and my colleagues will host our first Committee Hearing on February 22, 2023, on St. Croix, focused on getting updates on the status of all projects surrounding the 175th Emancipation Commemoration to take place later this year. As one of our territory's tradition bearers, the Legislature would benefit from having you provide testimony for our committee hearing. Please be sure to give testimony concerning your role in the 175th Emancipation Commemoration. Please let us know by February 10, 2023, whether you can participate in the Hearing either in person or virtually. Participating requires providing written testimony by February 16, 2023, reading the testimony into the record, and being prepared to answer questions from the members of the 35th Legislature both in our committee as well as non-Committee members.

Please note that our agenda and motive is to provide the public with updates regarding the progress of projects/events associated with the 175th Emancipation Commemoration and to identify any opportunities where the Legislature may be able to assist stakeholders in addressing challenges or setbacks. As Chair of the Committee, I want to partner with you to ensure that the proper resources and collaborations are in place and benchmarks and timelines are being met to facilitate a magnificent celebration that we all want to see come to fruition. This is our history and culture we should be empowered to revel in its glory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angel L. Bolques Jr.".

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