

December 15, 2023

Honorable Carla J. Joseph
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capital Building
P.O. Box 1690
St. Thomas, USVI 00804

RE: Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection Meeting

Dear Chairperson Joseph,

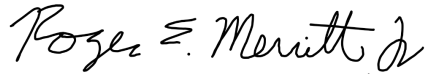
This is Executive Director Roger E. Merritt, Jr., first, let me thank you for the invitation to testify on Bill 35-0038.

Unfortunately, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority is unable to appear in person but would like to put a few comments on the record.

The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority is a semi-autonomous instrumentality of the local Government. The Authority's procurements are governed by its Procurement Policy, Procedures, Rules, and Regulations. Procurements over \$250,000 are approved by the VIWMA Board of Directors. Most of the items stated in the bill can already be performed by the Authority through this approval mechanism. The Authority does not believe this is applicable to us as a Semi-Autonomous Instrumentality.

Thank you for allowing these comments to be placed into the record and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,



Roger E. Merritt, Jr.
Executive Director