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**Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, & Consumer
Protection**

Carla J. Joseph, Chair

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Good Morning Honorable Carla Joseph, Committee Chair and Senate members of the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection, non-member Senators of the 35th Legislature, the Legislative staff, the DLCA staff, and the listening and viewing audience.

I am Richard Tomas Evangelista, Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA).

Thank you for allowing DLCA an opportunity to testify before the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection of the 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands on Bill No. 35-0036, An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 274, subsection (f), paragraph (11) to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission.

Specifically, the proposal, codifies and empowers the Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission to undertake greater administrative management duties and responsibilities of the commission. The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs supports the proposed legislation.

Prior to completing my testimony today, I wish to thank the DLCA customers in the District of St. Thomas and St. John for their patience and understanding as we served them virtually for approximately twelve weeks while the physical office was closed to perform environmental sanitation. I also wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen of DLCA,

my TEAM, who continue to provide services throughout the Virgin Islands of the United States, whether virtually or physically. Together Everyone Acheives More.

Thanks again for giving DLCA the opportunity to comment on Bill No. 35-0036. I am ready to answer any question that this Body may have.