



November 17, 2023

Honorable Carla Joseph  
Chairperson, Committee on Government Operations, Veteran's Affairs & Consumer Protection  
35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
Capitol Building  
St. Thomas, VI 00802

**RE: BILL NO. 35-0109 – KENDALL EMANUEL GEORGE DRIVE LEGISLATION**

Dear Senator Joseph:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed legislation to posthumously name Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John the "Kendall Emanuel George Drive" and to appropriate \$10,000 to the Department for the appropriate signage. Unfortunately, I am unavailable to attend the hearing due to previously scheduled engagements.

The Department has no objections to the naming of the above-mentioned road in the name of Corporal Kendall Emanuel George. I believe naming roads after prominent Virgin Islanders serves to teach current and future generations of their significant contributions, both locally and abroad, and to perpetually honor them. While I cannot speak to the funding source, the amount appropriated for signage should be sufficient.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed legislation. As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Derek Gabriel', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Derek Gabriel  
Commissioner

CC: Dwayne M. DeGraff, Senator, 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands