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The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection
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1 Good morning Honorable Carla J. Joseph, Chairwoman of the Committee on Government
2 Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection, and Sponsor of Bill No. 35-0223,
3 members of the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer
4 Protection, non-committee members of the 35th Legislature, fellow testifiers, and the viewing
5 and listening audience.

6 I am Lisa Maria Alejandro, a former parishioner of the Christian Unity Church and
7 Spiritual Daughter of the Most Reverend Bishop, Dr., William A. Industrious (“Bishop
8 Industrious”). Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today’s hearing due to a scheduled conflict;
9 however, it is without reservation and my absolute pleasure to submit this written testimonial
10 on behalf of Bishop, William A. Industrious as the Legislation of the Virgin Islands of the United
11 States, considers him for Bill No. 35-0223, an Act renaming a portion of Gamle Garde, in his
12 honor, the “William A. Industrious Street”.

13 I first had the pleasure of meeting Bishop Industrious at the tender age of 16. As Pastor
14 of the Christian Unity Church, Bishop Industrious devoted much of his time, and resources, to
15 the youth ministry. As our strongest advocate and supporter, Bishop Industrious created
16 opportunities for the youth ministry by engaging them in every aspect of service, community,
17 and ministry. His dedication, and unselfish acts of charity, nurtured generations of pastors and
18 ministers who, if they were asked to provide testimony today, these chambers would not be able
19 to contain them.

20 I vividly recall how Bishop Industrious used his transportation to transport the
21 parishioners and visitors to and from every church service. Sometimes, he made three or four bus
22 trips while having to officiate or deliver the sermon that morning or evening. It is imperative to
23 note the many times Bishop Industrious had to walk to church after parking his safari at the
24 Market Square or Waterfront because there was no parking along Gamle Gade Street. However,
25 over time his humble and Christlike charisma won the hearts of Gamle Gade’s community, thus,
26 they would give up their parking spaces during service hours to secure a parking space for Bishop

27 Industrious. Yet again, I recall the times when you could find Bishop Industrious along the street
28 of Gamle Gade sweeping the walkways and sidewalks because he regarded it as his neighborhood
29 and community, and he expected nothing less of his congregation.

30 Bishop Industrious' unwavering dedication to God's people, the Church, and the
31 community is contagious and inspiring. I believe the fondest and most notable of Bishop
32 Industrious' attributes resides in his ability to foster peace amongst all people, displaying the
33 imagery of our Lord's sermon, "Blessed are the peacemakers". Thus, he remains a mentor and
34 spiritual father to many including those of us who were brought up under his steadfast leadership
35 and sound knowledge of the Word of God. My husband, Pastor Tomas M. Alejandro, and I
36 consider ourselves fortunate to have been brought up under this humble, caring, and respectable
37 servant of God, whose hands bound us together in marriage and continue to be a beacon of light
38 to our family and congregants.

39 It is, therefore, without debate, that I support and recognize the purpose of Bill No. 35-
40 0223 which aims to honor Virgin Islanders such as the Most Reverend Bishop, Dr. William A.
41 Industrious who are cultivators of healthier communities and the Virgin Islands.

42 Madam Chair, this concludes my testimony, and thank you for the invitation and the
43 opportunity to present on this occasion.