

January 9, 2023

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

RE: BILL NO. 35-0184 - VIGGO E. SEWER ROAD LEGISLATION

Dear Senator Joseph:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed legislation to posthumously name Route 10 on St. John the "Viggo E. Sewer Road" 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 Private Sewer. 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,

Derek Gabriel Commissioner

CC: Dwayne M. DeGraff, Senator, 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands