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Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

AGENDA

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I - 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0230– An Act repealing section 11 of Act No. 6570, as amended, and amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code related to the inspection and licensing of automobiles for hire. This bill is sponsored by Senators Dwayne M. DeGraff and Marvin A. Blyden.

Invited Testifiers:

Mrs. Barbara Jackson McIntosh, *Director*
Virgin Islands Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Mr. Willis Pinney, *President*
AAA Taxi and Tours

Mr. Kerry Harrigan, *President*
Best Taxi Services

Mr. Kelly George, *Owner*
Kellie's Taxi Services

Mr. Mervin Smith, *President*
East End Taxicab Association

Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen Watley, *Interim Chair*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

Ms. Vernice M. Gumbs, *Executive Director*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

Mr. Dihony LaLanne, *President*
St. Thomas Taxi Services

Mr. Shawn Claxton, *President*
St. John Taxi Services

Mr. Lawrence Ramdhansingh, *President*
Virgin Islands Taxi Association

Mr. Francis Arthur, *President*
St. Croix Taxicab Association

BLOCK II – 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0236– An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code adding a new chapter 33A to enact the “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (IDEA)” to improve governmental agency digital services, and for other purposes. This bill is sponsored by Senators Carrion Samuel and Carla J. Joseph.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Rupert O. Ross, *Director*
Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology

Mr. Julien Henley, *ADA Coordinator*
Government of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Angus Drigo, *Executive Director*
Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands

Mr. Stephan Adams, *CEO/President*
Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

LUNCH - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**BLOCK III – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0193– An Act amending title 27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 relating to real estate brokers, sales associates, and property managers. This bill is sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Laurent Alfred, Esq., *Chair*
Virgin Islands Real Estate Commission

Mr. Dan Savaro, *President*
Virgin Islands Territorial Association of Realtors

Ms. Ava Gail Bourdon, *President-Principal Broker*
RE/MAX St. Croix

Mr. Carl Gotts, *Vice-President*
Vacation St. Croix

Honorable H. Nathalie Hodge, *Commissioner*
Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Mr. B.J. Harris, *Vice-Chair*
V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Real Estate Commission

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All Chiefs of Staff
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