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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Commissioner

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CORRESPONDENCE SENT VIA EMAIL

Honorable Senator Ray Fonseca Committee Chair 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Senator Fonseca,

Thank you for your invitation letters requesting to present testimony on the status of the Department of Human Services during a Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services and request to visit St. Croix Head Start facilities.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend your scheduled hearing on Monday, July, 24, 2023 because I will be attending Governor Bryan's Cabinet meeting on St. Croix the same day. DHS will also be present at our scheduled FY2024 Budget Hearing to the Committee on Finance the following day, Tuesday, July 25, 2023, where we will be sharing fiscal and programmatic updates. We will be happy to reschedule during a mutually agreed upon date to provide testimony to the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services.

We look forward to welcoming you and your staff for the St. Croix Head Start building tours on Friday, June 30th at 9:00am starting at Frederiksted Head Start Center (Mars Hill).

Respectfully,

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Commissioner

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