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FROM: Honorable Ray Fonseca 
Chairman, Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services

DATE: September 26, 2024

RE: **REVISED AGENDA II -Committee Meeting**

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a meeting on **Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall St. Thomas.**

BLOCK I

10:00AM-11:45PM

The Committee will receive testimony on the services offered by the Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence to further evaluate their request for public support.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S)

Dr. Julia Sheen DrPH, MPH
Interim Executive Director, Virgin Islands Diabetes Center of Excellence

The Honorable Justa "Tita" Encarnacion
Commissioner, Department of Health

Ms. Tina Comissiong ESQ., MPA,
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BLOCK II

11:45AM-12:45PM

Bill No. 35-0289 An Act amending title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code by raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age. *Sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca.*

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

The Honorable Justa "Tita" Encarnacion
Commissioner, Department of Health

The Honorable Nathalie Hodge
Commissioner, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs

Duane Howell, MSHS, RRT, AE-C
Executive Director, Access to Racial & Cultural Health Institute, Inc

LUNCH

12:45PM-1:45PM

BLOCK III

1:45PM-3:00PM

The Committee will receive an update on the extent to which the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute will provide comprehensive cancer diagnosis and care, once operations are restored.

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Ms. Tina Comissiong ESQ., MPA,
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