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FROM: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens 
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

DATED: May 22, 2024

RE: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA
Scheduled Hearing - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature’s Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room on St. John.**

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

Hurricane Preparedness Update – This update will cover hurricane preparedness by agencies responsible for emergency management. Information provided will include an overview of the current hurricane season forecast and potential risks, updates on evacuation plans, shelter preparations, efforts to strengthen infrastructure resilience and communication strategies.

Invited Testifiers:

Testifier	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Daryl Jaschen	Director	V.I.T.E.M.A.
Honorable Averil George	Commissioner	V.I. Department of Human Services
Honorable Derek Gabriel	Commissioner	V.I. Department of Public Works

BLOCK II – 1:30 p.m.

St. John Celebration Safety/Security Update - This update intends to provide an overview of safety and security efforts ahead of this year’s St. John Celebration events. Information provided will include road closures, parking restrictions and accommodations, environmental clean-ups, permitting requirements, trash removal and containerization, and other related matters.

Invited Testifiers:

Testifier	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	Virgin Islands Police Department
Honorable Derek Gabriel	Commissioner	V.I. Department of Public Works
Honorable Joseph Boschulte	Commissioner	V.I. Department of Tourism
Honorable H. Natalie Hodge	Commissioner	Licensing & Consumer Affairs
Honorable Justa Encarnacion	Commissioner	V.I. Department of Health
Roger E. Merritt, Jr.	Executive Director	V.I. Waste Management Authority

cc: All Employees
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