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Subject: Testimony for BILL NO. 35-0271

Good morning Honorable Senator Kenneth L. Gittens Chairperson of the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice & Public Safety, all committee members and other Senators of the 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, the listening and viewing audience, and a special greeting to the Bill Sponsor Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr. . I am Sandra Bastian-Carty, one of the Administrative Secretary at the St. Croix Christian Academy School which is located at 26 & 28 Golden Rock, Christiansted St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands, right next to what we call Five Corners. This morning I am here as a representative for the Executive Administrator Seaton Wilson and the Principal of the school Elise P. Menzies. We are grateful to Senator Angel L. Bolques Jr. for Sponsoring this Bill and we are in full support of BILL NO. 35-0271.

We believe that this is a very important Bill because it ensures the protection of our children who are so very important to all of us. This Bill will ensure that the proper School Zone Signage is erected which will alert drivers of the proper speed limits and establish a school speed zone. The St. Croix Christian Academy School is located right next to a very busy intersection that we call Five Corners, where drivers are going back and forth all day long. It is a very active area, so active that our school's fence has been damaged several times by drivers who have been driving at a very high rate of speed. We all understand that one of the primary causes of accidents is vehicles exceeding speed limits in school zones. BILL NO. 35-0271 will ensure that the Virgin

Islands Department of Education and the Virgin Islands Police Department work together to establish speed limits for each school to promote safety for our students and pedestrians. This Bill will also ensure that the Virgin Islands Police Department will do everything possible to make sure that the proper speed limits in the school speed zones are followed. Thank you for allowing me to be here today as a representative of St. Croix Christian Academy School. I am ready to answer any questions you might have for me.

Sincerely,

Sandra Bastian-Carty

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Administrative Secretary