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The Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens  
Chair, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice & Public Safety  
Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
Capitol Building, Charlotte Amalie  
U.S. Virgin Islands 00840

### **RE: Request for Testimony on Bill 35-0395**

Thank you for the invitation to testify on behalf of the Judicial Branch on the proposed Bill No. 35-0395 amending title 16 of the Virgin Islands Code relating to change of gender designations on identifying documents upon receipt of an order of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, and amending chapter 7 relating name change, and amending title 20, chapter 35 to allow for change of gender designation on driver's licenses, identification cards, and for other related purposes.

Due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to attend today's hearing. However, I have had the opportunity to review the proposed amendments with our General Counsel, and the Judiciary does not have any comment with regard to the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Regina Petersen".

Regina Petersen,  
Administrator of Courts

CC: The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. Senate President