

Good day Senate Chair, Senators, and Guest, my name is Ivo James, I represent the St. Vincent and the Grenadines/US Virgin Islands Relief Organization.

I was born on the island of ST. Vincent and the Grenadines, but I have resided in the Virgin Islands over 38 years. This is my home.

I am here today in support of this bill,

The first thing I realize about this Bill, is that it is not an Immigration Bill,  
*It is a responsible bill*  
It is a bill that will help protect the citizens of the Virgin Islands.

When driving on the road, we try to drive safely and take precautions,

But accidents do happen, and when that happen, the first thing we worry about is safety of ourselves and others, next we then worry about if the opposing driver has insurance,

Having an accident with a person without insurance is a night mare experience.

Things is already hard enough as it is, having to pay to repair a vehicle is costly.

Our people should not have to end up being burden by this.

Having all our drivers be able to get insurance will give our residents a piece of mind.

Also, this bill that will encourage many of our illegal persons to be responsible,

And in many cases, many of these individuals want the chance to be a responsible member in our community,

~~I don't know how these illegal person got here, nor do I encourage them to come here illegal,~~  
*many people come here for the american dream*  
~~But~~ *for the American dream, they are here, working and trying to make it better for themselves and their families*

But whilst they are here in our community, we know they will be driving on our roads and living their daily lives trying to better themselves and their family.

I think it is a responsible act to make sure our Virgin Islands residents are protected.

Starting here, with this bill, this should help encourage our illegal residents to do things the right way,

We are the United States Virgin Islands, we offer to our people the American dream,

We encourage others to come here legally, and fulfil the American dream,

But as America, we are obligated to offer our citizens the opportunity for a piece of mind,

Ensure to our citizens, that when they do the right thing, they will be protected by the government,