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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable
Kenneth L. Gittens
Chairperson
Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, and Public Safety
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
3022 Estate Golden Rock
Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820

RE: Invitation on Bill 35-0086 Background Checks

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the invitation to appear before you and the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, and Public Safety regarding Bill 35-0086 addressing background checks.

I regret to inform you that due to a prior commitment, I am unable to attend. I will be speaking at the American Public Power Association Chief Executive Officer conference on behalf of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) in Puerto Rico on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. I firmly believe in the importance of the topic and have designated subject matter experts from Information Technology and Human Resources committed to supporting and contributing to meaningful dialogue on these matters to appear. WAPA’s Chief Information Officer will appear to address technical aspects regarding background checks and WAPA’s Director of Human Resources will appear to discuss the personnel component of background checks. They will be able to provide valuable insights, contribute to the discussions, and represent the Authority effectively.

I understand the importance of the bill to be discussed, and I am confident that my team will make meaningful contributions on the Authority’s behalf. Thank you again for the invitation, and I look forward to the outcomes and insights that will emerge from the committee hearing. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Smith

CEO/ Executive Director