

VIRGIN ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 11, 2023

Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens Senator 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands #3022 Estate Golden Rock Christiansted, VI 00820

Re: Request to Testify on Bill No. 35-0179 and Bill No. 35-0179

Dear Senator Gittens:

The Virgin Islands Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General appreciates the invitation to give testimony on Bill No. 35-0178 and Bill No. 35-0179 on December 12, 2023. I am unable to attend the hearing due to a previously scheduled Governor's Cabinet Meeting. Submitted herewith is a letter with the comments of the Department of Justice regarding Bill No. 35-0178 and Bill No. 35-0179. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely.

Ariel M. Smith

U.S. Virgin Islands Attorney General