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The Honorable Donna Frett-Gregory  
35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
P.O. Box 1690  
St. Thomas Virgin Islands, 00804

Dear Senator Frett-Gregory:

Thanks for sharing with me the final version of Bill 35-0049, which will create the Local Food and Farm Council. I fully support this measure because it is a critical aspect of the Agriculture Plan, which has been partially funded through Act 8700.

The Local Food and Farm Council will provide guidance, oversight, monitoring, community outreach, and assessment of the Plan. Without the Council, there will not be any organized leadership for implementing the bold vision contained in the Plan to increase and enhance Agriculture productivity.

The draft of Bill 35-0049 was shared with members of the Agriculture Task Force, and their comments were shared with you. Though all of them were not incorporated, this Bill captures the essence and importance of one of the Agriculture Plan's key mandates, and I unequivocally support its passage.

Once signed into law, I look forward to working on the Council and ensuring that the goals contained in the Plan are achieved.

Thanks for your original advocacy and continuing support to get us to this threshold moment.

Sincerely,

David Hall, SJD  
President