

Dear Ms. Bennerson,

On behalf of the **Department of Human Services**, I am writing to formally submit our proposed amendments to the Virgin Islands Code. These amendments are crucial for ensuring that our legal framework remains relevant and effective in supporting the operations and functions of our department.

As outlined in the invitation from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Judiciary, this initiative is a significant step towards modernizing sections of the Virgin Islands Code that have not been updated in decades. VIDHS recognizes the importance of participating in this process to address the outdated legislative policies that impact our daily operations and overall efficiency.

Enclosed, you will find two attachments detailing the proposed amendments that the department believes are necessary for the continued advancement and modernization of our laws. These documents reflect our commitment to enhancing the effectiveness of the services we provide to the community and ensuring that our legal foundation supports the evolving needs of the Virgin Islands.

We are eager to engage in the upcoming Legislative Symposium and discuss these proposed changes further. We believe that this collaborative effort will significantly contribute to improving the legislative and regulatory measures that govern our operations, ultimately benefiting the entire community.

Please feel free to reach out if you need any additional information or clarification regarding our submissions. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to contributing to the success of the Symposium.

Thank you once again for your support and consideration.

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