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The Honorable  
**Angel Bolques, Jr.**  
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January 16, 2026

Honorable Raymond J. Williams  
Director  
Virgin Islands Lottery  
P.O. Box 1103  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00804

## **Re: Invitation to Testify – Oversight Hearing on Horse Racing Revenues and Financial Oversight**

Dear Director Williams,

As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, I respectfully invite you to testify at a critical oversight hearing to be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Chamber on St. Croix.

This hearing will focus on the operational status and financial oversight of the Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack, with a specific emphasis on funding sources, transparency practices, and the Horse Racing Initiative Fund.

Given the Virgin Islands Lottery's historical and fiscal connection to horse racing and related revenues, your insights are essential to help the Committee:

- Clarify how revenues from the Horse Racing Improvement Fund are being used currently
- Outline the Lottery's role in fund transfers and disbursements
- Support the Committee's review of financial accountability and equitable distribution across districts

We kindly request that you submit written testimony and any supporting financial documentation no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office. We value your continued service to the Virgin Islands and look forward to your contribution to this important discussion.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angel Bolques, Jr." in a cursive style.

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