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The Honorable  
**Angel Bolques, Jr.**  
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36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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January 16, 2026

Honorable Derek A. Gabriel  
Commissioner  
Department of Public Works  
8244 Sub Base, Suite 104  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

## **Re: Invitation to Testify – Oversight Hearing on the Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project**

Dear Commissioner Gabriel,

As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, I respectfully invite you to testify at an upcoming oversight hearing scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2026, at 1:00 PM, at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Chamber on St. Croix.

This hearing will assess the current financial, administrative, and construction status of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium project. The Committee seeks to understand progress made since July 2025, examine reasons for the missed December 2025 target, and identify any challenges impacting the final stages of delivery.

Given the Department of Public Works leadership in construction and coordination efforts, your testimony is essential to:

- Provide a detailed update on current construction progress and remaining work
- Clarify contractor performance, scheduling adjustments, and related project milestones
- Outline any agency coordination issues or permitting obstacles that may have delayed delivery

We kindly request that you submit written testimony and any supporting documentation no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026, for inclusion in the official record.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service to the Virgin Islands. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

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

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