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The Honorable
Angel Bolques, Jr.
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January 16, 2026

Mr. Robert E. Huckabee III
President & Chief Executive Officer
Southland Gaming of the Virgin Islands, Inc.
#3 Estate Contant
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Invitation to Testify – Oversight Hearing on Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack and Horse Racing Initiative Fund

Dear Mr. Huckabee,

I write to formally invite you to appear before the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks for an oversight hearing scheduled on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Chamber on St. Croix.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the financial and operational status of the Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack and the broader implementation of Horse Racing in the St. Thomas and St. John District. As a key private sector stakeholder in the development and execution of horse racing activities in the territory, your testimony is essential to advancing transparency and collaboration.

The Committee seeks your input on the following:

- Construction status and project timelines related to Southland Gaming's obligations
- Financial contributions and disbursement protocols
- Challenges encountered in project implementation and coordination with government agencies
- Commitment to supporting local horsemen and racing operations in both districts

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

Your presence will support our shared goal of improving oversight, accountability, and the revitalization of horse racing in the Virgin Islands. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

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

The Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, and Parks
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