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June 23, 2026

Honorable Averil E. George
Commissioner
Department of Human Services
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Committee Hearing Invitation Block I & II — “Aging with Dignity: Oversight of Nursing Homes, CMS Certification Readiness, and Senior Financial Protection in the Virgin Islands”

Dear Commissioner George,

As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, I respectfully invite you to participate in the Committee hearing scheduled for Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

The hearing will focus on nursing homes, CMS certification readiness, senior protections, and Bill No. 36-0192, the *Senior Financial Protection and Promissory Note Abuse Prevention Act of 2025*, proposed by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger.

The Committee respectfully requests testimony from the Department of Human Services regarding senior services, elder care oversight, and protections against financial exploitation of seniors in the Virgin Islands.

Please confirm your attendance and submit written testimony at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing.

Thank you for your continued service to the people of the Virgin Islands. I look forward to your participation.

Respectfully,

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

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