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The Honorable
Angel Bolques, Jr.
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June 23, 2026

Ms. Junia John-Straker
Chief Executive Officer
Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands
516 Hospital Ground, Suite 23
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

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

Dear Ms. John-Straker,

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

The Committee respectfully requests testimony regarding the services and care provided to seniors and elderly residents throughout the Territory, including challenges, operational needs, staffing, and efforts to maintain quality care and support services.

Please be prepared to address:

- Current senior care and support services provided by Lutheran Social Services.
- Challenges affecting elderly care services and operations.
- Staffing, funding, and infrastructure needs.
- Recommendations to strengthen services and protections for 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 and commitment 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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