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The Honorable
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April 17, 2025

Mr. John Wessel, Owner
Ms. Vickie Wessel, Co-Owner
Mr. Tim Dempsey, Director of Operations
GEC, LLC / Coastal Systems USVI

Re: Invitation to CYASP Hearing – Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project

Dear Mr. Wessel, Ms. Wessel, and Mr. Dempsey,

I extend warm regards and gratitude for your continued contributions to infrastructure development in the Virgin Islands. As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks (CYASP), I write to formally invite your participation in a legislative hearing to be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:30 AM at the Fritz E. Lawaetz Legislative Chamber on the island of St. Croix.

Your appearance is requested during Block I of the hearing, beginning at 9:30 AM, which will specifically address the progress and execution of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project.

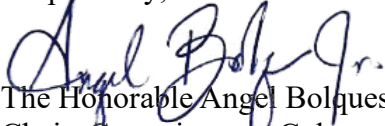
As the primary contractor, GEC, LLC is a central stakeholder in the successful delivery of this project. The Committee seeks your direct insight and technical updates regarding construction performance, collaboration with government agencies, and project accountability. We respectfully request that your testimony include:

- The current construction phase, including recent milestones achieved and key deliverables anticipated.
- A comparison of the actual construction timeline against the original project schedule, including projected completion.
- The extent of coordination with relevant government agencies (DPW, DPP, DSPR, DPNR) and subcontractors.
- An overview of the project's financial status, including invoicing, disbursements, outstanding payments, and funding source alignment.
- A summary of all approved change orders, detailing their scope, justification, and fiscal impact.
- Any supply chain disruptions or material sourcing challenges and the mitigation strategies in place.
- Compliance with applicable federal and local laws, permitting requirements, labor standards, and procurement regulations.
- Public communication and community engagement activities conducted to inform and involve local stakeholders.
- Any penalties, project delays, or operational challenges encountered, and the corrective actions implemented or proposed.

Please submit written testimony no later than Monday, June 2, 2025, so the Committee may adequately prepare. Your detailed input will play a vital role in our assessment and legislative response as we work to ensure the project's success.

Thank you for your partnership in building a stronger Virgin Islands.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angel Bolques, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

The Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, and Parks
Senator At Large, 36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Cc: All Senators