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Mr. Dwayne Alexander
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Dear Mr. Alexander,

As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, I formally invite you to testify during Block I (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM) of the Committee hearing scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

This hearing will examine elderly housing access and system coordination in the Virgin Islands, with particular focus on Section 8 waiting lists, voucher utilization, landlord participation, and inter-agency coordination affecting seniors.

Please be prepared to address the following:

- Number of applicants age 60+ currently on the Section 8 waiting list by island.
- Average wait time for elderly applicants.
- Whether elderly status provides ranking preference.
- Number of elderly voucher holders paying more than 30% of income toward rent.
- Number of elderly applicants removed from the waitlist in the past two years and reasons.
- Whether landlords are declining elderly voucher holders and what enforcement mechanisms exist.
- Coordination between VIHA and DHS when seniors are discharged from hospitals or care facilities.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email and your attendance. Written testimony should be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment to serving the people of the Virgin Islands. I look forward to your participation.

Together, we can build a stronger Virgin Islands.

Respectfully,

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