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The Honorable
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February 23, 2026

Honorable Gordon C. Rhea, Esq.
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Re: Bill No. 36-0192 – Senior Financial Protection and Promissory Note Abuse Prevention Act of 2025

Dear Attorney General Rhea,

As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, I respectfully invite you to testify during Block II of the Committee hearing scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.

The Committee will debate Bill No. 36-0192, an Act amending Title 34, Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 15, to enact the Senior Financial Protection and Promissory Note Abuse Prevention Act of 2025. The bill establishes civil remedies, reporting requirements, enforcement mechanisms, and criminal penalties to protect seniors from financial exploitation through promissory note abuse.

Given the Department of Justice's role in enforcement and prosecution, your legal perspective on implementation, enforceability, and potential statutory recommendations will assist the Committee in ensuring the bill is both effective and legally sound.

Please confirm your attendance and submit written testimony at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting the residents of the Virgin Islands.

Respectfully,

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

The Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr.
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