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The Honorable
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October 16, 2025

Honorable Vincent Roberts
Commissioner
Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation
8201 Sub Base, Suite 206
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Invitation to Testify – Committee Hearing on Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack and Horse Racing Initiative Fund

Dear Commissioner Roberts,

As Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, I respectfully invite you to testify during an oversight hearing scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Chamber on St. Croix.

This hearing will assess the operational status of the Clinton E. Phipps Racetrack and review the Horse Racing Initiative Fund, with emphasis on funding allocations, construction progress, regulatory hurdles, and support for local horsemen's associations.

Given the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation's oversight of key infrastructure and programmatic elements of this initiative, your testimony is vital to help the Committee:

- Understand remaining construction, regulatory, and logistical needs for the racetrack;
- Clarify the availability and use of Horse Racing Initiative Funds;
- Assess ongoing efforts to support and sustain horse racing in both districts.

We ask that your department provide a financial and operational update and submit written testimony no later than Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact my office directly. We appreciate your continued commitment to the people of the Virgin Islands and look forward to your participation.

Respectfully,

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

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