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August 18, 2025

Honorable Justa Encarnación
Commissioner, Department of Health
1303 Hospital Ground
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St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Invitation to C.Y.A.S.P. Hearing – September 19, 2025

Dear Commissioner, Encarnación,

In my capacity as Chair of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks (C.Y.A.S.P.), I am pleased to invite you to testify at an upcoming legislative hearing scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM, in the Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas.

The Committee will focus on the status and pathway toward achieving Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) certification for senior living and long-term care facilities in the territory. Your testimony will be vital in helping the Committee understand the Department of Health's role and outlook on:

1. **Where are we now?** – The current certification status of senior living facilities.
2. **What's required?** – CMS's Conditions of Participation, operational and compliance requirements.
3. **What's next?** – Strategic planning for certification, facility upgrades, and access to CMS federal funding.

We highly value your insight as Commissioner and welcome your participation to ensure the Committee's dialogue is informed, collaborative, and forward-looking. Please confirm your availability at your earliest convenience so we may coordinate scheduling and logistics accordingly. If your office requires any additional information in advance, feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for your service and continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Torres".

Judy Torres

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