

## GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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November 24, 2025

Honorable Avery L. Lewis Senator 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands Capitol Building, Charlotte Amalie 00802

Re: Formal Notice of Absence – Hearing on Bill No. 36-0190

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I am writing to formally inform you that, unfortunately, I will not be able to testify on Bill No. 36-0190: An act amending Title 1 of the Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 15, Section 254, providing for sign language interpreters at all Government of the Virgin Islands broadcasts and official functions, scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2025.

Regrettably, I have prior commitments and scheduled meetings that require my immediate attention on that day, and therefore I am unable to attend the hearing.

Thank you for your understanding.

Respectfully,

Julio A. Rhymer Sr.

Director