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The Honorable H. Natalie Hodge

Commissioner

Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

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Dear Commissioner Hodge,

Please accept this letter as a formal invitation to testify on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. We eagerly anticipate your comprehensive update on the state of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs' ability to provide an update on programs that prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices and information to help consumers spot, stop, and avoid scams and fraud.

Key highlights mainly include a fuel price survey, the frequency of grocery store price analyses and results, and the status of capital projects.

Please note that the meeting will be held on St. Thomas, but arrangements can be made for you in St. Croix at the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room. We understand the importance of your presence and are willing to accommodate your needs. Your attendance is highly valued, and we kindly request you to confirm it by February 3, 2025. If you're not able to attend, you may send a representative.

Your testimony and all related documents are due to our office on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM. This deadline is set to ensure that we have ample time to review and prepare for the hearing, and to facilitate a thorough discussion during the hearing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Lewis", written over a horizontal line.

Avery L. Lewis

Senator

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