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REVISED AGENDA II

TO: All Members, Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection

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Senator Franklin D. Johnson

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FROM: The Honorable Senator Avery L. Lewis 116
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

DATE: May 29, 2025

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **Friday, May 30, 2025, at 10:30 AM** in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to provide updates on the following:

BLOCK I: 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current department challenges, a plan of action to resolve challenges and the following agencies:

- The growing trend of illegal taxi operators, operating large passenger vehicles while posing as legitimate taxi drivers or limousine operators;
- Unregulated operators that violate the law and pose a significant threat to public safety;
- The agency's staffing shortages; and
- Any other matters relative to the discussion of the status of the agency.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Ms. Melissa Smith, Acting Executive Director, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission
- Ms. Elizabeth Hansen Watley, Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

BREAK FOR LUNCH: 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

BLOCK II: 2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Lottery including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, its current challenges, a plan of action to resolve challenges and the following:

- The cybersecurity incident and the subsequent **data restoration process**; and
- Growth of the Virgin Islands Lottery System, among other topics.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

- Mr. Raymond J. Williams, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Lottery

cc: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
Public Affairs