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Senator Avery Lewis
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
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Dear Senator Lewis,

I hope this message finds you well. I am in receipt of your invitation to provide testimony on the following before the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection on Friday May 30th, 2025:

- Outcome of the efforts of the recent delegation's travels to Puerto Rico;
- Effects of President Donald Trump's Executive Orders on our territory; and
- Status of reimbursements due to local veterans, among other topics.

While the Office of Veterans Affairs is willing to provide testimony on the above subjects, unfortunately, we are not available on this day. For us to be able to be in attendance for future legislative hearings, I ask that invitations be sent with at least 10 working days reactionary time unless the content of the hearing is a Bonafide emergency where we would have no choice.

Thanks for your interest in the Veterans of the territory.

Respectfully Submitted,

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