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FROM: Honorable Ray Fonseca 
Chairman, Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services

DATE: February 10, 2025

RE: AGENDA -Committee Hearing

Please be advised that the Committee on Health, Hospitals & Human Services will be conducting a hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, on St. Croix.**

BLOCK I _____ **10:00AM-1:00PM**

The Committee will receive testimony regarding the strategic plan to address staffing shortages and the reduction of emergency room wait-times at both hospital facilities. Also, the members will be presented with an overview on the territory's MAP program and the boarder crisis in the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Regional Medical Center and the Schneider Regional Medical Center.

INVITED TESTIFIER(S):

The Honorable Averil E. George
Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Ms. Tina M. Commissiong, Esq., MPA
Chief Executive Officer,
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Ms. Hazel Philbert
Chief Operating Officer,
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Mr. Christopher Finch
Former-Chairman,
Virgin Islands Government Health and Hospital Corporation

Mr. Edgar Phillips
Resident
St. Thomas, USVI

BLOCK II

1:30PM-4:30PM

The members will receive an overview on the designs including final completion target dates of the Herbert Grigg Nursing Home, Queen Louise Home for the Aged, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center, Schneider Regional Medical Center, Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center, and the Department of Human Services Complex, on St. Thomas.

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Mr. Darryl Smalls
Executive Director,
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Mr. Jerry Smith
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