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The Honorable Ray Fonseca
Senator,
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capitol Building,
Charlotte Amalie St. Thoms, USVI 00802

Re: Nonpayment to GERS by Roy Lester Schneider Hospital

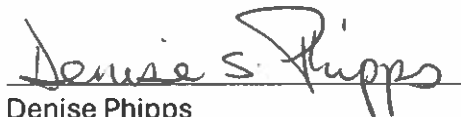
Dear Honorable Senator Fonseca:

My name is Denise Phipps. I am a retiree from the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital, where I worked for over 33 years as a registered nurse and as the Director of Case Management and Social Services.

On November 30, 2024, I officially retired from the Roy Lester Schneider Regional Medical Center. However, I have not yet received my retirement compensation or the 184 hours of annual leave I am owed. Although these funds were deducted directly from my bi-weekly payments, they were never paid into the Government Employee Retirement System (GERS) on my behalf. It is my understanding that until these payments are made, I will not be able to be paid. Moreover, this will be for another six months to a year before it can be rectified.

This ongoing issue has been a significant hardship for both me and my family. As a retiree, I am compelled to pay \$540.00 for insurance fees and MASA services, which has forced me to forgo all other services that would have been covered by my retirement funds. Having served this community diligently as a public servant for over 33 years, I respectfully request your assistance in resolving this matter.

Cordially,



Denise Phipps
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