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Good afternoon,

Senator Clifford A. Joseph, Sr., Chair of the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety other members of the committee, and non-committee members present. My name is Terrence Manning, Capitol Police Chief Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

I was asked to be here to provide testimony as it pertains to:

Bill No. 36-0020 - An Act amending title 2 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 6 allowing the Police Chief of the Legislature; the Sergeant-of-Arms; or any security officer of the Legislature; who has peace officer status, to arrest a person who neglects or refuses to appear before the Legislature in obedience to subpoena

Capitol Police is a division of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands that includes over 20 POST Certified Law Enforcement Officers. A **POST Certified Officer** is a **peace officer** who has successfully completed the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board certification process. This process includes completing a POST-approved Basic academy, passing the POST certification examination, and undergoing a background check. The Basic academy is the training standard for police officers, deputy sheriffs, and other classifications of peace officers to include updates to training at least yearly.

Capitol Police Officers are POST certified by POST in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our POST Certified Officers can make arrests. Arrests being the seizing of someone by legal authority and taking that person into custody.

This completes my statement, and I stand ready to answer question you or the committee may have.