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The Honorable Clifford A. Joseph, Sr.
Senator
Chairperson of the Committee on Homeland Security,
Justice and Public Safety
35th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands
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**RE: Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety Hearing on
Thursday, July 16, 2026**

Dear Senator Joseph:

Please be advised that, because notice of the hearing was provided only a few days in advance and I have a prior commitment, I am unable to attend the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026.

I submitted written testimony on Bill No. 36-0231 on May 11, 2026, and respectfully request that it be taken into consideration during the Committee's deliberations on the measure. A copy of my testimony is attached for ease of reference.

- **Bill No. 36-0231:** An Act amending Title 5 Virgin Islands Code, Subtitle 3, Part III, Chapter 401, by adding Section 4507a to establish procedures for inmate transfers outside the Virgin Islands

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Jomo Meade, Esq.
Chief Territorial Public Defender