



Virgin Islands Continuum of Care on Homelessness

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Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Chair, Committee on Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure and Telecommunications  
Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
Capitol Building, P.O. Box 1690  
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00804

Dear Chair Blyden and Members of the Committee on Housing, Transportation, Infrastructure and Telecommunications,

Thank you for the invitation to appear before the Committee on February 11, 2026, to provide testimony on homelessness and housing instability in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Unfortunately, due to a prior professional commitment, I am unable to attend the hearing. In my absence, Mr. Dan Derima, Chair of the VI Continuum of Care on Homelessness, will attend and is fully prepared to represent the organization, provide testimony, and respond to questions on our behalf. Written testimony has been submitted for the record.

Thank you for your understanding and for the Committee's continued attention to this critical issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

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