

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY
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GOOD MORNING SENATOR CARLA JOSEPH, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I AM OSBERT POTTER AND I AM HERE TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR A SECOND TERM AS A MEMBER FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM.

I REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE GOALS AND ADVANCEMENT OF WTJX. I HAVE SPENT MANY YEARS EXERCISING THIS COMMITMENT. I HOSTED *BEHIND THE HEADLINES*, A PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM ON WTJX FROM JANUARY 1999 TO DECEMBER 2003. I BECAME THE CEO OF THE SYSTEM IN MARCH 2004 AND SERVED IN THAT POSITION FOR 10 YEARS. AFTER A BRIEF STINT AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, I WAS HONORED TO BE TAPPED BY GOVERNOR ALBERT BRYAN IN DECEMBER 2019 TO RETURN TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS A BOARD MEMBER OF WTJX.

DURING MY TENURE AS A BOARD MEMBER, WE HAVE HAD QUITE A FEW CHALLENGES AFTER THE HURRICANE, AND WHILE THE STATION HAS BEEN MAKING PROGRESS, WE STILL HAVE MAJOR PRIORITIES BEFORE US SUCH AS REBUILDING OUR HAYPIECE FACILITY ON ST. THOMAS, MAKING COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN OUR SITES, AND RAISING FUNDS FOR THE STATION IN A LIMITED MARKET.

WE ARE FINALLY IN THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATING AND REBUILDING OUR ARCHIVES, EVENTUALLY MAKING THEM ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC WHICH HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN AND PRIORITY FOR ME. WE ARE DELIVERING THE BEST NEWS SINCE ALVIN G. WITH THE WTJX RADIO NEWSFEED AND ITS ONLINE COMPANION PUBLICATION.

THE SYSTEM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO RESTARTING *FACE TO FACE* IN JANUARY/EARLY NEXT YEAR AND BRINGING THAT MUCH NEEDED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING BACK TO THE TERRITORY'S AUDIENCE.

THE FUTURE OF THE STATION REMAINS BRIGHT AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE MY CONTRIBUTION TO ENSURING THAT HAPPENS.

SENATORS, I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSION.