Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Governors proposed legislation. This proposed legislation serves two main purposes:

1) There were a few items that were in Title 27 sub chapter II that were inadvertently left out of act 8435. This proposal corrects those omissions. It adds the continuing medical education requirements and reinserts the good Samaritan provisions.

2) The proposed legislation seeks to fix a long-standing problem that many of our medical regulatory boards experience... lack of quorum. The proposed legislation allows the Virgin Islands Board of Medical Examiners members to function as temporary board members to any of those boards that cannot function due to lack of a quorum. It does not take away the right of those disciplines to govern themselves but allows for a mechanism for the board to function.

The Virgin Islands board of medical examiners supports the passing of the proposed legislation.

Respectfully submitted

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