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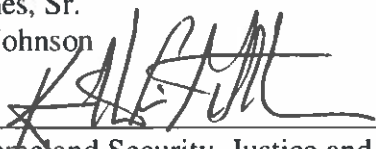
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To: The Honorable Ray Fonseca
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From: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens 
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

Dated: March 3, 2023

Subject: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA
Scheduled Hearing -10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Please be advised that the Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers, located on St. Thomas, V.I.** to vet bills assigned to the committee and to hear overview testimony from Virgin Islands Police Department, Office of the Territorial Public Defender, and the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

The Blocks are as follows:

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

The committee will receive overview testimony, from the Office of the Territorial Public defender regarding, yet not limited to, updates on the Office’s operations, capital projects, and initiatives.

Testifier:	Title:	Department/Agency:
Samuel Joseph, Esq.	Chief Public Defender	Public Defender’s Office

LUNCH – 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BLOCK II – 1:00 p.m.

Bill 35-0013 – An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 35, relating to the issuance of operators’ licenses and identification cards to allow applicants to obtain limited local-purpose identification cards and operators’ licenses without providing certain federally required documentation

Testifier:	Title:	Department/Agency:
Hon. Barbara McIntosh	Director	Bureau of Motor Vehicle
Carol Thomas-Jacobs, Esq.	Acting Attorney General	V.I. Department of Justice
Glendina Matthew, Esq.	Director	Division of Banking & Insurance
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department
Paul Alexander	Resident	Native of Dominica
Eddy Fleury	Resident	Native of Haiti
Adriana Veliz	Resident	Native of Venezuela
Ivor James	Resident	Native of St. Vincent
Luther Renee	Resident	Native of St. Lucia
Jerome Pineda	Resident	Native of the Philippines
Dioniso Lorenzo	Resident	Native of Dominican Republic

BLOCK III – 3:00 p.m.

The committee will receive overview testimony for the Virgin Islands Police Department and the Office of Gun Violence Prevention not limited to, updates on the department’s operations, capital projects, and initiatives.

Testifier:	Title:	Department/Agency:
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department
Mr. Anthony Emmanuel	Director	Office of Gun Violence Prevention

pc: All Employees
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