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To the People of the Virgin Islands,

It is an honor and my duty to share this 100-day Report with you, highlighting the progress we have made together in the first months of 2025. As your Senator-At-Large, I remain fully committed to building a Virgin Islands that is safer, stronger, and more inclusive for everyone. From passing meaningful legislation to advancing infrastructure projects, engaging with our communities, and strengthening regional ties, my focus has been on delivering results that benefit every resident of our beautiful Virgin Islands.

This term began with a deep commitment to building on the foundation laid by my work in the previous Legislature. I remain dedicated to the values and priorities expressed through key laws passed in earlier sessions, such as Act No. 8923, which strengthens protections for child victims and witnesses; Act No. 8952, which increases school zone safety through stricter speed regulations; and Act No. 8878, which directs rental surcharge revenues into essential government services. Additionally, Act No. 8802 expands the GVI's property footprint to reduce our reliance on rented space, while Act No. 8817 creates vital scholarship opportunities for careers in the maritime industry. We also honored our culture and history through Act No. 8841, which designated the official dish and dessert of the Virgin Islands—preserving our rich culinary heritage and celebrating the flavors that unite our people. These Acts are part of what I can accomplish with the support of my colleagues, and reflects the focused, community-first leadership I will continue championing.

In these first few months of the 36th Legislature, I have been proud to stand with our community in moments that reflect the spirit, resilience, and forward momentum of the Virgin Islands. We celebrated a major milestone with the grand opening of the University of the Virgin Islands' St. John Community Resource and Development Center, expanding pathways to education, empowerment, and opportunity. I have continued to champion second chances by supporting the Clean Slate expungement program and Know Your Rights workshops through the Virgin Islands Justice Initiative—because everyone deserves a fair shot at a better future. At the same time, we are taking bold steps to protect our environment and create new economic opportunities





through initiatives like the Micro Recycling Pod program, which is transforming how we manage plastic waste locally, creating jobs, reducing our carbon footprint, and laying the groundwork for a greener Virgin Islands. Rebuilding our future also means supporting world-class infrastructure, and I recently toured the construction of the Arthur A. Richards PreK-8 School on St. Croix. This project stands as a symbol of renewal after Hurricane Maria. I also look forward to other school-building projects in the pipeline. I continue to honor and preserve our cultural heritage through events like the St. Croix premiere of *We Are Taíno*, a powerful film celebrating the roots that ground us, where I proudly joined and supported the community's efforts to uplift our shared history. Each of these moments reflects our commitment to real change—building a Virgin Islands that is stronger, smarter, more sustainable, and more united. Together, we are not just hoping for a better future—we are working for it every day.

Public safety and health remain top priorities in my work. One example is the successful rollout of the Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act (Act 8798), which my office helped implement through specialized training sessions led by the National Safe Haven Alliance for first responders on St. Thomas and St. Croix. These trainings ensure that our emergency personnel are equipped to care for our most vulnerable with both compassion and professionalism.

As part of our commitment to strengthening regional collaboration, I had the honor of attending the inauguration of Mayor José Corcino Acevedo in Vieques, Puerto Rico. During the ceremony, I delivered remarks reaffirming our shared vision of deeper cultural, economic, and diplomatic ties across the Caribbean. I continue to pursue strategic regional partnerships throughout the Caribbean and abroad that will enhance the Virgin Islands' role in broader development efforts and foster meaningful cooperation throughout the region. I also welcomed a distinguished delegation of firefighters from San Pedro De Macoris, deepening our regional partnerships and exchanging ideas that will keep our communities safer and stronger. Additionally, I was honored to be invited for the third consecutive year to welcome, participate, and deliver remarks at the 2025 CAFC Conference—continuing our commitment to building meaningful connections that strengthen the Virgin Islands' presence on the regional and international stage.

Listening to and engaging with constituents continues to guide the decisions I make. I've prioritized inclusive governance by focusing on the needs of our youth, seniors, and those who have long been underserved. Whether through efforts in education reform, expanding economic opportunities, or revitalizing our neighborhoods, my commitment remains rooted in advancing policies that reflect our Virgin Islands family's values, voices, and vision.

In this Legislature, I plan to introduce a forward-thinking slate of bills and resolutions designed to enhance the quality of life for all Virgin Islanders. On the healthcare front, I'm proposing amendments to Title 19, Chapter 76, to establish clear service standards for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. To support economic development and food sustainability, I'm advocating for a \$600,000 grant appropriation to help local farmers.



Additionally, I plan to amend Title 33 to increase and redirect container import surcharges into infrastructure improvements and youth programs. Public safety and accountability remain key priorities, with proposals including amendments to Title 16 to mandate bail in domestic violence cases, updates to Title 19 to strengthen sanitation enforcement, including increased penalties for violations, being introduced to support cleaner, healthier communities across the Virgin Islands. I'm also championing accessibility with a proposal to require ASL interpreters for all televised government broadcasts and official events and funding for mobile ASL and interpreter and translation devices across essential public agencies. To protect our digital future, I'm looking forward to introducing the Artificial Intelligence Governance and Ethical Use Act and the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, which designates the Bureau of Information Technology as the lead agency for securing our digital infrastructure.

The everyday heroes among us shape the heart of our community. I am proud to sponsor resolutions honoring James Sasso for his distinguished service in the funeral industry and Kruz and Stefon Wilson for their courageous act of saving a life at Magen's Bay. Their actions reflect the very best of who we are as Virgin Islanders. These legislative efforts reflect progress and purpose-driven by our people's values, voices, and well-being.

As we move forward, my priorities remain grounded in progress that touches every life—expanding renewable energy, empowering our youth and seniors, and strengthening the Virgin Islands' voice in regional partnerships. As part of this work, I have been coordinating meetings with key energy stakeholders to explore strategies that lower power costs, expand renewable options, and strengthen the resilience of our electrical infrastructure—securing a more sustainable future for our territory. With your continued trust and partnership, I will keep pushing for bold, meaningful solutions that deliver opportunity, uphold dignity, and build lasting resilience across every district.

Together, we are shaping a Virgin Islands rooted in unity, driven by action, and rising through shared progress and purpose.

Wholeheartedly,

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