

February 24, 2023

The Honorable Carla J. Joseph Senator 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Capital Building, P. O. Box 1690 St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00804 Email: senatorcarlajoseph@legvi.org

Dear Honorable Senator Joseph,

The Division of Personnel is hosting a training on the implementation (process and procedures) of Act# 8560 retirees reentering into Government Services on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Hence the reason, my team and I are unable to attend the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection scheduled on the same day and time of our scheduled training.

Kindly note, for the record, the Division of Personnel is in full support of Bill NO. 35-0009, to declare June 19th as a legal holiday in the Virgin Islands in observance of national holidays enacting The Juneteenth National Independence Day. Our support is tandem with the Bryan/Roach administration that is moving towards embracing the true history of our nation and recognizing June 19th as a legal holiday in the territory that aligns with the rest of the country in commemorating the end of slavery for all in the United States.

If I can be of assistance prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Cindy L. Richardson

Director