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Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart
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Good Day Senator Capehart,

We are writing in support of the nomination of Aaron Hutchins to the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees.

Aaron is uniquely qualified for this position. He was born on St. Croix and has lived both here and on St. Thomas. He has degrees in Ecology, Civil Engineering and Environmental Management. He has worked for the VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources, the Nature Conservancy's Caribbean Program and has shown his entrepreneurial skill in creating several businesses in the VI, including Leatherback Brewing Company and Island Life Adventure Tours.

Aaron co-founded our organization - the Virgin Islands Trail Alliance (VITAL) in 2016 and is our current President. He brought together a diverse group of mountain bikers, hikers, ecologists, and outdoor enthusiasts who are successfully creating more parks and trails for more people and are working on improved walkability and pedestrian infrastructure across the Territory. Aaron's leadership is evident in the work we have accomplished.

VITAL fully supports a Territorial Park System and looks forward to contributing to the process in any way possible. Mr. Hutchins is an excellent choice for the Board of Trustees.

Please contact us for any additional information.

Sincerely,

Alma Winkfield
Vice-President