## VI Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

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The Honorable Diane T. Capehart Legislature of the Virgin Islands 3022 Estate Golden Rock Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820

Re: Endorsement for H Nathalie Hodge Nomination as Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

Dear Senator Capehart,

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse H. Nathalie Hodge for the esteemed position of Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs. As a member and chairwoman of the Board of Cosmetology, I have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Hodge for an impressive 16 years, and I can attest to her exceptional qualities and unwavering commitment to our profession.

Ms. Hodge has consistently demonstrated an exemplary level of professionalism, dedication, and leadership during her tenure with the Board of Cosmetology. Her wealth of experience and in-depth understanding of licensing and consumer affairs make her an outstanding candidate for this crucial role.

I have witnessed first hand Ms. Hodge's ability to foster positive relationships within our community and beyond. Her inclusive and collaborative approach has been instrumental in recommending and developing effective policies that not only safeguard the interests of professionals but also ensure the well-being of consumers.

Throughout our collaborative efforts, Ms. Hodge has displayed a remarkable ability to address industry challenges with a strategic and forward-thinking approach. Her commitment to upholding the highest standards in consumer protection and licensing aligns closely with the goals and responsibilities of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs.

In summary, I have the utmost confidence that Nathalie Hodge will bring invaluable expertise, integrity, and a fresh perspective to the role of Commissioner. I am optimistic that her leadership will contribute significantly to the continued success and improvement of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs.

Sincerely.

Chairperson

V.I. Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

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