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Honorable Diane T. Capehart Senator of the 35th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands Chairperson, Committee on Rules and Judiciary 3022 Estate Golden Rock Christiansted St. Croix, VI 00820

RE: Nomination of Kevin McCurdy

Dear Senator Capehart:

Season's Greeting to you, your family and your colleagues!

It is my pleasure to pen a few words in support of the nomination of Kevin McCurdy to serve as the next Commissioner of Finance for the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

I have known Kevin for only a few years. However, in our conversations his very strong intellect and background in this subject matter is evident, and he clearly articulates his ideas and positions on issues. In my view, these factors and skills will serve him well when he interacts with the staff at the Department of Finance, other agencies of the Executive Branch, the Legislature, and the public.

I also note Kevin's previous service in the Office of Management and Budget, which provided him with insights into the Government's financial matters. While OMB and the Finance Department are key components of the Government's financial team, their institutional separation and differing responsibilities are often unappreciated. His prior experience at OMB and his current and growing experience at the Finance Department provide Kevin with guidance to directly address what falls with the Department of Finance's purview and direct matters outside the Department's jurisdiction to OMB or other appropriate agency; a standard of good governance.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you. I urge the Committee to forward Kevin McCurdy's nomination to the full Legislature with a favorable recommendation.

Sincerely

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