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Hon. Senator Diane T. Capehart 35th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands 3022 Estate Golden Rock Christiansted, VI 00820

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## Dear Senator Capehart,

I am writing this letter to testify on behalf of the character of Mrs. Anna Wallace Francis. She is a born Virgin Islander and a life-long teacher and environmental enthusiast. She has taught sciences in the Virgin Islands school system for over 30 years and is the founder of the Environmental Rangers Educational Youth Group, aimed at promoting educational advancement and environmental and cultural awareness. She has also founded Camp Umoja, an echo-educational campground. She has served on many Virgin Islands civic organizations and continues to do so in her retirement. She is dedicated and committed to Virgin Islands youth, culture, the environment, and historical preservation.

I have known Anna all her life and she is an exemplary member of the Virgin Islands community. I highly recommend her as a Board member of the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees. With her environmental, professional, and historical experience, I am confident that she would be an asset to this Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Gerda Gottlieb