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Senator Diane T. Capehart,

Dear Senator,

It is with great pleasure to understand that Anna Wallace Francis has been nominated for the Territorial Park Board of Trustees for the St. Thomas District. I have resided in Mandahl, St. Thomas for 42 years and known the Wallace and Francis family for decades. It is with first hand knowledge that I have been able to regard the impact that Anna has brought not just to the Mandahl area, but all around the island.

Anna was instrumental in the formation and consequent success of the Friends of Mandahl, which twice has acted as a steward for keeping development of a Marina and associated hotel in the Government owned 33 acres surrounding the Mandahl Salt Pond from fruition. This area is designated in the Areas of Particular Concern by DPNR and is teeming with wildlife above and below the water line. In her constant striving to improve the environmental quality and accessibility of our cherished natural resources Anna opened Camp Ujama. She purchased 11 acres of land to do this which abuts my property. True to her word and original proposal of the use of the property the camp has stayed within the guidelines she set years ago. The Camp takes students on hikes, kayak adventures in salt pond, teaches cooking and camping and total respect for our environ.

It is not just in her neighborhood that Anna touts respect for our home. She is involved all over the Island in helping to push forward keeping our Island in the best possible condition for the benefit of all of us who live here and those who come to see our natural beauty and resources. Please look favorably on Anna, as she will have the best interests of our Island forefront in helping to guide the Territorial Board to success.

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