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**Honorable Diane Capehart**  
Chairman of the Committee on Rules and the Judicial of  
The thirty-Fifth Legislature of  
The United States Virgin Islands

**Re:** Ariel Smith, Esquire

**Subject:** Nomination for the Attorney General of the United States Virgin Islands

Dear Honorable Senator Capehart:

Please allow me the opportunity to express my full support for the nominee, Ariel Smith, Esquire for the position of Attorney General of the United States Virgin Islands. I have known Attorney Smith for more than forty-five (45) years. Attorney Smith and I graduated together from Charlotte Amalie High School, class of 1982. More importantly, she was in my homeroom from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Additionally, we graduated from Law School around the same time and have been practicing law in the Virgin Islands for thirty (30) years.

Attorney Smith career has been long and diverse. She worked as an attorney in both the private and public sectors. She worked as a Defense Attorney, as an Assistant Public Defender in the Virgin Islands Office of the Public Defender, and she has been at the Attorney General's office for the last fifteen (15) years. At the Attorney General's office. Attorney Smith represents this Government in major civil litigations as an Assistant Attorney General in the civil

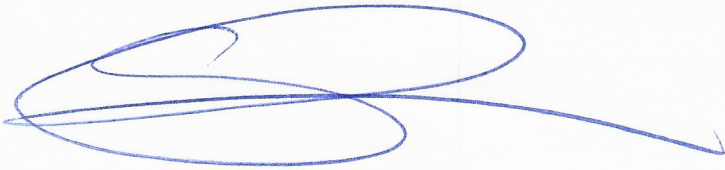
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division. More recently, Attorney Smith was the head of the civil division at the Attorney General office. In those positions, she has protected well the Government's interest. In all of her roles as an Attorney, Attorney Smith was always very thorough and upright in her work and her ethics.

Attorney Smith is the mother of three (3) children, all born and raised in the Virgin Islands, hence her love and appreciation for the Virgin Islands and its future. When it comes to the Virgin Islands, Attorney Smith is all in.

In Attorney Smith, you will find a qualified lawyer, a consummate and professional and one who has the Virgin Islands interest at heart. Without a doubt, Attorney Ariel Smith is well prepared to head the Department of Justice, as the Attorney General. Therefore, I strongly recommend her for the position.

Very kindly submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long tail extending to the right.

*Clive Rivers, Esquire*

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