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

***Re: Letter of Support for Ariel M. Smith, Esq. to the Position of Attorney General  
of the U.S. Virgin Islands***

Dear Senator Capehart:

As an educator, former Senator, humanitarian, practicing attorney, who happens to be, presently, the longest serving Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Virgin Islands, I write to recommend swift confirmation of Attorney Ariel Smith to serve as the next Attorney General of our Territory. Attorney Smith is a nominee with extraordinary qualifications. Her legal acumen, leadership ability, management of complex litigation, as well as having a wide range of experience in private and governmental service, make her imminently qualified to lead the highest legal office of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands.

Since Attorney Smith's nomination, she has consistently met with the staff of each division within the Department of Justice to identify and address prevalent issues. I am extremely impressed, since I have not seen this done so swiftly by any other Attorney General. Over the years, I have witnessed her ability as an attorney and her leadership style. Thus, I can attest that she is intelligent, hardworking, solution driven, makes an impact on her staff, promotes staff development and training and that her skill in consensus building is exceptional.

Throughout her legal career, Attorney Smith has consistently demonstrated her interest in community service on behalf of the children of the Virgin Islands by volunteering to teach Street Law to the students at the Charlotte Amalie High School, in the Department of Justice's Street Law Program.

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There is no question that Attorney Ariel M. Smith knows, understands, and loves the law. I have no reservations that if confirmed, Attorney Smith will enforce the laws of the U.S. Virgin Islands with a fair, impartial and equitable hand and that she will also live up to the standards and deportment that the Department of Justice has strived to maintain over the years.

I Thank you and humbly request your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Judy M. Gomez, Esq.