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VIA EMAIL TO: dcapehart@legvi.org AND HAND-DELIVERY

**The Honorable Diane T. Capehart, Senator
Chair - Rules and Judiciary Committee
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
3022 Estate Golden Rock
Christiansted, VI 00820**

Re: Letter of Support on Behalf of Yvette D. Ross-Edwards, Esquire, Nominee for Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands for the Division of St. Croix

Dear Senator Capehart and Senators of the Rules and Judiciary Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write to recommend and provide my support without reservation of my colleague and friend, Attorney Yvette D. Ross-Edwards, to serve as a Judge at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands for the Division of St. Croix. I have had the privilege of knowing and working alongside Attorney Ross-Edwards for almost eighteen (18) years and I can attest to her character, legal acumen and abilities. I have also been on opposing sides of cases from Attorney Ross-Edwards and I can attest to Attorney Ross-Edwards' fairness and respect for the rule of law. Attorney Ross-Edwards is an excellent Judicial Nominee and she has the judicial temperament to listen carefully, analyze closely and decide issues in accordance with the law and legal precedent. Attorney Ross-Edwards is an individual who can disagree with opposing counsel without being disagreeable and she is widely respected by other members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association.

Unfortunately, I will be in Philadelphia on May 10, 2023 attending the Third Circuit Judicial Conference and therefore I cannot be present for Attorney Ross-Edwards' Confirmation Hearing. Accordingly, I am writing this letter to express my support for the nomination of Attorney Ross-Edwards to serve as a Judge. I am confident that if Attorney Ross-Edwards is confirmed by the Virgin Islands Legislature, she will contribute greatly to the judiciary of the United States Virgin Islands and I urge you to support Attorney Ross-Edwards' nomination.

Attorney Ross-Edwards is an excellent communicator and has a great ability to build lasting relationships with the people in her surroundings. Attorney Ross-Edwards also has an incredible work ethic and is always willing to go the extra mile. I am confident that if Attorney Ross-Edwards is confirmed, she will reduce the backlog of cases by issuing decisions timely and scheduling cases for trials that have to be tried.

Attorney Ross-Edwards has many years of experience in the legal profession and has tried civil, criminal and family cases. As a result, Attorney Ross-Edwards has a profound understanding of the law and the judicial system. Moreover, Attorney Ross-Edwards knows the Rules of Civil Procedure, the Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Rules of Evidence and has the legal knowledge to serve as a Trial Judge.

Attorney Ross-Edwards is dedicated to serving the people of this community and she always puts others first. Attorney Ross-Edwards is highly respected by her peers and the community. Also, Attorney Ross-Edwards' ethics are beyond reproach and I am confident that she would serve honorably as a Judge.

Finally, Attorney Ross-Edwards is a leader, strong and bold. She has the ability to make tough decisions and she always stands up for what is right, even in the most difficult situations. Attorney Ross-Edwards has the requisite education, experience and compassion to serve as a Judge and these qualities will be established at the May 10, 2023 Confirmation Hearing.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Attorney-Ross-Edwards to serve as a Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands for the Division of St. Croix as she is more than competent and qualified to serve in this role. Attorney Ross-Edwards is diligent, hard-working, reasonable, honest, fair and impartial, exercises patience and possesses all of the qualities to serve as an outstanding Judge. I am confident that Attorney Yvette D. Ross-Edwards would be a great asset to the Judiciary of the United States Virgin Islands and I fully support her nomination to serve as a Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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