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Honorable Diane Capehart, Chair
Rules and Judiciary Committee
Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the US Virgin Islands
Golden Rock Legislative Building
St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Dear Senator Capehart:

I submit this letter in support of the nomination of Yvette Ross-Edwards, Esq. to serve as a Judge on the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

I have known Attorney Ross-Edwards principally through our work in the Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands. As Chancellor of the Diocese, I have had occasion to work with Attorney Ross-Edwards and rely on her relative to legal matters affecting the Diocese on St. Croix. She has also served as the Church Attorney, representing the Diocese in clergy disciplinary matters. In all instances, I have found her to be professional, competent, diligent, and responsive.

Most especially, though, I am impressed that she is a person of deep faith. As a former Attorney General of the Virgin Islands and someone who has practiced law for 48 years, I believe it is important that our judges have empathy and compassion, and that they recognize the dignity of every human being. In application of the law, they must also seek justice and fairness. From my experience with Attorney Ross-Edwards, I have no doubt that she will be such a jurist.

Respectfully,



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