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The Honorable Diane Capehart
 Senator
 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
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Dear Senator Capehart:

Thank you for the invitation to offer amendments to the Virgin Islands Code.

Our proposed amendment is below.

VIC Section	Existing Language	Proposed Language
23 VIC 551, subsection b5	(b) The VIFEMS under the direction of the Director is responsible for the following: (5) To conduct arson investigations and make arrests pertaining to such matters	(b) The VIFEMS under the direction of the Director is responsible for the following: (5) To determine the origin and cause of fires and assist in arson investigations while working collaboratively with VIPD and other law enforcement entities.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Antonio Stevens
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 Director