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The Honorable Diane T. Capehart Senator Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Judiciary 35th Legislature of the US Virgin Islands 3022 Estate Golden Rock Christiansted, VI 00820

RE: Committee on Rules and Judiciary's Hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Dear Senator Capehart,

Please be advised that I am unable to attend the Committee on Rules and Judiciary's hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 since I will be attending a prescheduled training on that day.

I have submitted written testimony on bill no. 35-0336 to be taken into consideration during the deliberations on the measures:

• Bill No. 35-0336: An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I by establishing the Office of Conflict Counsel, granting personal immunity to individuals providing legal representation to establish the Office of Conflict Counsel

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Julie Smith Todman, Esq.

Chief Territorial Public Defender