

January 22, 2024

Honorable Senator Diane Capehart, Chairperson
Rules & Judiciary Committee
35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands of the United States
3022 Estate Golden Rock Rock
St. Croix, USVI 00802

RE: Maurice K. Muia Letter of Support

Dear Senator Capehart:

It is with great pride and confidence that I offer this letter of support on behalf of Mr. Maurice K. Muia's nomination to the VIWAPA Board of Directors.

I first met Mr. Muia over thirty (30) years ago while he was being raised by his grandmother and aunt here on the island of St. Thomas. Throughout that timeline and up until today, I have had the opportunity to witness the growth and development of this young man as he transitioned to adulthood. The years spent as an "Intern" in the VI Department of Labor's Summer Employment program provided an opportunity for me and other supervisors to observe the exceptional qualities and ambition that were embedded in this young man. Maurice demonstrated his commitment to pursue post-secondary education and a professional career which would have a significant impact on any community.....regardless of where he chose to reside. This commitment has resulted in the achievement of his educational plans as well as his political pursuits.

Equally evident and highly impressive is Mr. Muia's extensive and varied experiences in the power systems and utilities industry. His accomplishments in the field clearly reveals the level of collaboration and partnership skills which he brings to the table as a member of any team. There is no doubt in my mind that these qualities will also serve as an asset to the VIWAPA governing Board of Directors during this crucial and critical period.

For all of the above stated reasons, I offer my full support for Mr. Muia's nomination and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



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