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Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart
Chairperson - Rules and Judiciary Committee
35th Legislature of Virgin Islands
US Virgin Islands 00820

Re: The nomination of Ms. May Adams Cornwall to The Coastal Zone Management Committee

I write this letter of recommendation specifically relating to the impending consideration of Ms. May Adams Cornwall to become a member of The Coastal Zone Management Committee of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Ms. Cornwall possess a wealth of educational and work-related experiences which, in my opinion, renders her uniquely qualified to serve as a member of The Coastal Management (CZM) Committee. Basic determinations such as the appropriateness of either an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project must be made by the CZM Committee even before project evaluations begin. In this regard, Ms. Cornwall's background gives her the ability to come to such conclusions timely and correctly. She will be able to guide the Committee regarding the "completeness" of the EAR or the EIS, as well as guidelines on technical issues regarding any areas of the projects. In addition, if the project is to be approved by the Committee, Ms. Cornwall will be able to identify and detail any special conditions to which the projects must adhere.

As a member, Ms. Cornwall will be able to assist the Committee and the assisting staff in the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) with observations, advise, and recommendations - once construction of the approved project begins. Further, her experience as a project manager has given her the insights necessary to craft solutions to problems that may arise during the construction phases of complex projects.

Finally, as I have known Ms. Cornwall for well over twenty years, I am able to attest wholeheartedly to the strength of her character and work ethics. She is a diligent and hardworking professional and will always be committed to achieving whatever goals she and the other Committee members may set.

For the above stated reasons, I will, without reservations, recommend that Ms. May Adams Cornwall be approved as a member of the CZM Committee.

Sincerely,


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