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Honorable Diane T. Capehart Senator 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands Chairman, Committee of Rules and the Judiciary 3022 Estate Golden Rock Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820

Via Email: dcapehart@legvi.org

Re: Ms. Averil George - Commissioner Nominee, Department of Human Services

Dear Senator Capehart:

Greetings, it is indeed a pleasure to issue this Letter of Support regarding the Nomination of Ms. Averil George for the position of Commissioner for the Department of Human Services. I've had the fortunate opportunity to work with Ms. George on a professional level, and I remain convinced that her commitment to working with others remains a testament to her ability to get the job done. A testament not only witnessed by me, but also exhibited by the fact that both the past, and current Administrations of our Government, saw it necessary to rise above partisan politics, and appoint or nominate Ms. George to positions of service to our community.

I am confident that the support and approval of the members of the 35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands will prove fruitful in the development and enhancement of the services, rendered by the Department of Human Services to the people of the Virgin Islands. I wish you, and the members of the Committee well, and ask for your favorable consideration of Ms. George's Nomination. If in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Usie R. Richards

C: Members 35th Legislature - Committee on Rules and the Judiciary