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

Re: Gordon C. Rhea, Nominee for Attorney General of the Virgin Islands

Dear Senator Capehart:

It is my honor to write you this letter of recommendation for Gordon C. Rhea to be our next Attorney General at the Virgin Islands Department of Justice. By way of background, I have known Mr. Rhea for over 30 years, both as opposing counsel in civil matters and as co-counsel in a multiple defendant criminal case. I have also known Mr. Rhea personally and we have maintained a friendly and cordial relationship to this day.

Throughout my relationship with Mr. Rhea, I have always found him to be professional, honest, full of integrity, active and a man of his word. He is also very intelligent and always thinks about what he is about to say before he says anything.

Professional: In all of my dealings with Mr. Rhea, he has always exhibited a high degree of professionalism. As I stated previously, we have worked on opposite sides in civil matters and I have always found him to be courteous, honest and acting by the rules. He is friendly, but can be stern and unyielding when circumstances require that position.

Integrity: I have seen Mr. Rhea in action, both in and out of court. When he and I were representing different defendants in a multi-defendant criminal matter, I saw firsthand how Mr. Rhea assisted all the defense counsel, including me, by putting forth his client's defense without putting blame on any of our clients. He wanted to stick to the facts and refused to engage in tactics that would yield short term gains, but not move the defense ball.


Intelligent: Mr. Rhea writes books. History books! As lawyers, we are always writing – court briefs, memoranda, letters, etc. When I am not working, I try to engage in relaxing activities. Not Mr. Rhea. He is always busy doing research to write his next book.

Active: Mr. Rhea not only exercises his mind and mental faculties, but he is physically active as well. I recall during one of our deposition trips in the states, we would share a rental car and stay at the same hotel. He would leave the hotel each morning, in the dark, and go for a 5 mile jog! Just recently, I caught up to him as he was hiking/running to Point Udal after climbing Goat Hill. Talk about energy: he has it.

There is so much more I could write about Mr. Rhea's virtues, but I will stop here. In short, I recommend Mr. Rhea for the office of Attorney General without hesitation. I fully support his nomination to be our next Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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