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Honorable Avery Lewis
Senator, Chairperson Committee on
Government Operations, Veterans Affairs
and Consumer Protection
36th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
P.O. Box 1690, Capitol Building
Charlotte Amalie, VI 00801

Dear Senator Lewis,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of Bill No. 36-0107 honoring the many accomplishments of Dr. Alfred Lee Anduze.

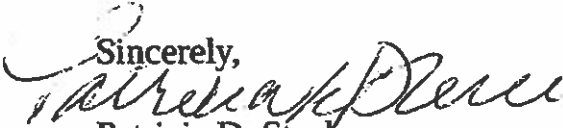
I have known Dr. Anduze my entire life. The bond between our families span more than eight decades. Although our lives have often taken us down differing paths, that bond is as strong today as it was when we were growing up in Estate La Grande Princesse. When my mother was diagnosed with dementia two years ago, "Freddie" as he is affectionately known to me, sent me a copy of his book *Un-Unusual People : A Caregiver's Manual*. His "tips and "suggestions" not only guided me as I managed her care, but taught me to be patient with myself on those days when things just didn't seem to go right.

The Roman statesman Cicero once said that "the eyes like a sentinel occupy the highest place in the body." Dr. Anduze's empathy and unwavering commitment to his patients not only saved lives, but brought hope and healing to many struggling with the fear and uncertainty of losing their sight. The impact of his contributions to the field of ophthalmology extends far beyond the confines of hospitals and clinics. He has helped to shape health care systems, drive medical advancements, and champion public health initiatives.

In closing, not only does Bill No. 36-0107 celebrate the unwavering dedication of Dr. Alfred Lee Anduze to field of medicine and the healing arts, it serves as a testament to the fact that his accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. I thank you for your

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consideration of these comments as you prepare to honor this outstanding member of our community.

Sincerely,

Patricia D. Steele