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To: The Honorable Carla Joseph

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This letter provides a formal endorsement for Attorney Melanie Turnbull. I have known Ms. Turnbull personally and professionally for over ten years. During this time, I have observed and interacted with her in various settings, and I am particularly impressed by her unwavering commitment to fairness and her dedication to the law.

As a U.S. Marshal for the District of the Virgin Islands, I often receive requests to endorse candidates for different roles and positions. I am usually cautious out of respect for my position's authority. However, I confidently recommend Attorney Turnbull without hesitation, believing neither you nor your organization would be disappointed by her selection. In an era where embodying the voice of the law can be challenging, Ms. Turnbull exemplifies doing so with pride and humility. She understands the crucial duty to uphold the law and serve the community, a demanding path in such close-knit surroundings.

Her leadership is clear; she commands respect from her peers in the Federal Courts and the legal community. I have seen her stay composed and foster consensus among her peers with ease. Her focus on the mission rather than personal recognition will serve her well in her career.

As a Virgin Islander myself, I am proud to see her rise to the Superior Court Bench and view her as a role model for our youth. Her engagement with students and community groups greatly boosts the morale of underprivileged children who might view crime as their only option. She demonstrates that success comes from hard work, perseverance, and humility, viewing failures as valuable lessons.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Turnbull for the position of Superior Court Judge in the Family Division. I believe she would be a valuable asset to the Virgin Islands community and offer my highest recommendation.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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