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Senator Carla J. Joseph
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary
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Re: Letter of Support for Attorney Melani L. Turnbull, Nominee for Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands – Family Division, St. Thomas–St. John District

Dear Senator Joseph and Members of the Committee:

I write this letter in wholehearted support of Attorney Melani L. Turnbull's nomination to serve as Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Family Division, for the St. Thomas–St. John District. Over the years, I have had the privilege of observing Attorney Turnbull's professional journey and the remarkable consistency with which she demonstrates legal acumen, integrity, and compassion in her service to the people of the Virgin Islands.

Attorney Turnbull has exhibited exceptional knowledge and competence in her field, coupled with a deep understanding of the profound responsibility her work carries. She approaches every case with deliberate care, recognizing that her decisions impact lives, families, and the very fabric of our community. Her commitment to fairness, equal justice under the law, and ethical practice is evident in every aspect of her professional conduct.

Having worked extensively with the Family Court during my tenure as Deputy Superintendent of Schools and later as Commissioner of Education, I am confident that Attorney Turnbull possesses the judicial temperament, intellectual rigor, and moral discernment necessary to preside with excellence. She is meticulous in her preparation, spending countless hours studying the details of each case to ensure that every argument is heard and every decision is grounded in law and equity. Her strong trial record, calm demeanor, and unwavering professionalism make her uniquely qualified for this important role.

This endorsement extends beyond her qualifications—it stems from years of witnessing her character, commitment to service, and genuine care for the well-being of those who come before the court. In a time when families and youth face increasing challenges within the justice system, it is imperative that we appoint judges who embody both competence and compassion. Attorney Turnbull exemplifies both.

A vote to confirm Attorney Melani Turnbull is a vote for a fairer, more just, and more compassionate Virgin Islands.

Respectfully,



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