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## JOSEPH WRITES TO CHIEF JUSTICE AND CODE REVISOR ON UELM IMPLEMENTATION A IN THE TERRITORY

ST. THOMAS, USVI - Senator Carla Joseph has written to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands and the Legislature of the Virgin Islands Code Revisor on implementing the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act in the Territory.

The measure, signed into law by Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. on August 16, 2021, provides for the management of electronic legal information in a manner that guarantees the trustworthiness of and continuing access to important governmental legal material.

"This legislation is a game-changer," said Joseph the prime sponsor of the measure. " It will provide easier access to justice for laypersons and the legal community. I hope that our people, especially our seniors, will be able to be more informed and empowered to seek justice for themselves," Joseph said.

Act No. 8462, formerly Bill 34-0034, outlines the provisions for implementation to include public access, standards, and uniformity of application. It also states the act takes effect 90 days after enactment.

"I appreciate the input provided by the Court on the measure. I want to thank my colleagues in the 34th Legislature, the VI and National Uniform Law Commission, the VI Bar Association, and the AARP for overwhelming support of the measure," the senator concluded.

The Virgin Islands now joins twenty-one states and the District of Columbia to adopt the Uniform Electronic Material Act (UELMA). Of special note, Senator Joseph is the first democratic freshman senator with a bill enacted into law in the 34th Legislature.

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