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I am very happy to hear of your response on a radio broadcast today October 26th that you did investigate my eligibility, prior to the 2010 election, to serve as a Senator in the 29th Legislature and found that I am eligible.

The law that was in effect when I, Senator "Chucky" Hansen, ran for public office in 2010 is not the July 12, 2011. In November 2010, the relevant provisions of 18 V.I.C §263(a) and (b) stated:

“(a) Every person who has been twice convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude shall be debarred from voting for a period of 10 years.
(b) Every person who has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or of a crime involving moral turpitude shall be debarred from voting for a period of one year following the date of his discharge.”

As you are aware, I have not twice been convicted of a felony nor crime involving moral turpitude. Since the Virgin Islands Code does not define what is “a crime involving moral turpitude”, we must look at the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Department of Consumer and Licensing Affairs and the Police Department. These government entities are given the task to deny or revoke the licenses or permits of individuals convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. They provide examples of crimes that are “grave infringement of the moral sentiment of the community” which are crimes involving moral turpitude – “murder, rape, embezzlement, fraud or any crime involving the illegal use, possession, or sale of a narcotic substance”. These RULES AND REGULATIONS were approved by Governor John P. DeJongh, Commissioner Wayne L. Biggs, Jr., and Commissioner Novelle E. Francis, Jr., on the 20th day of January, 2010.

I must also draw reference to 14 V.I.C §91 that states:

“A sentence of imprisonment for any term of more than one year and less than for life suspends all the civil rights of the person so sentenced, and forfeits all public offices and all private trusts, authority, or power during such imprisonment.”

I was convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to a term of probation. I see no need to address the issue raised by §6(b) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954 because there is no evidence of 2 convictions of a felony nor a crime involving moral turpitude.

Thanks for your immediate attention , and I hope for an expedited opinion from the Board.

Very truly yours,



Alicia "Chucky" Hansen
Senator, 29th Legislature

From: George H. Hodge, Jr., Esq., georgehodgejr2@netscape.com
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To: Michael Springer/Cruzans Focus, cruzansinfocus@yahoo.com
Subject: Response to your complaint

I am writing, on behalf of Senator Alicia "Chucky" Hansen, in response to your request for an investigation into her eligibility to serve in the 29th Legislature. Perhaps a better understanding of the applicable laws might resolve the issues you raise.

The law that was in effect when Senator "Chucky" Hansen ran for public office in 2010 is not the July 12, 2011 version you indicate. In November 2010, the relevant provisions of 18 V.I.C §263(a) and (b) stated:

"(a) Every person who has been twice convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude shall be debarred from voting for a period of 10 years.
(b) Every person who has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or of a crime involving moral turpitude shall be debarred from voting for a period of one year following the date of his discharge."

As you are fully aware, Senator Alicia "Chucky" Hansen has not twice been convicted of a felony nor crime involving moral turpitude. Since the Virgin Islands Code does not define what is "a crime involving moral turpitude", we must look at the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Department of Consumer and Licensing Affairs and the Police Department. These government entities are given the task to deny or revoke the licenses or permits of individuals convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. They provide examples of crimes that are "grave infringement of the moral sentiment of the community" which are crimes involving moral turpitude – "murder, rape, embezzlement, fraud or any crime involving the illegal use, possession, or sale of a narcotic substance". These RULES AND REGULATIONS were approved by Governor John P. DeJongh, Commissioner Wayne L. Biggs, Jr., and Commissioner Novelle E. Francis, Jr., on the 20th day of January, 2010.

I must also advise you of 14 V.I.C §91 that states:

"A sentence of imprisonment for any term of more than one year and less than for life suspends all the civil rights of the person so sentenced, and forfeits all public offices and all private trusts, authority, or power during such imprisonment."

Again, as you have noted, Senator Alicia "Chucky" Hansen was convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to a term of probation. I see no need to address the issue raised by §6(b) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954 because there is no evidence of 2 convictions of a felony nor a crime involving moral turpitude.

Thanks for your genuine concerns.