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RANKING MEMBER CONGRESSMAN RODNEY DAVIS, ILLINOIS VISITS WAS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE ELECTIONS SYSTEM

Supervisor of Elections Caroline F. Fawkes announces the Elections System of the Virgin Islands (ESVI) hosted Congressman Rodney Davis, Ranking Member of Committee on House Administration (the EAC oversight committee) at the St. Croix Elections Office on January 4, 2022. The date was changed by the Congressman Staff to coordinate additional visits with other elected officials in the Territory.

Board of Elections Chairman Raymond J. Williams, Delegate to Congress Representative Kandyia Rivera, and General Counsel & Deputy Staff Director Caleb J. Hays were in attendance. Chairman Williams provided the introduction on behalf of ESVI, and Supervisor Caroline Fawkes provided a forty-five (45) minutes elections in depth briefing and responded to various questions. The highlight of the presentation was on the laws that the U.S. Virgin Islands have that is now being discussed in many states/territories: Election Day being a holiday and registration of a voter includes a voter identification card. Other areas discussed the role and enhancement of the Elections Assistance Commission, the Virgin Islands obtaining a voting member of congress and citizens being able to vote for the President, since we have more veterans per capita than many states territories. Overall, the visit was successful, providing an opportunity to showcase the Virgin Islands Elections System and the culture of our people. Congressman Davis was presented with a cultural mug, packed with local treats including a bottle of Coquito and Cruzan Rum.

Congressman Davis has spent the better part of this year traveling the country as part of his Faith in Elections Project to learn more about our country's various local election administration systems and processes and—in his words—to shine a light on the good work election administrators across the country do. He has been very engaged and visited election offices across the US to hear about the challenges in election administration

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