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Delegate Plaskett To Sit On Agriculture Committee

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Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett, who was [recently sworn](#) in as the territory's new representative in Washington, has been assigned to serve on the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, becoming the first U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate to serve on the powerful committee.

"It was definitely one of the committees I wanted to serve on and it is a tremendous honor," Plaskett said. "There is much needed assistance to our local agriculture industry, and I have spoke with a number of local farmers throughout the campaign who stressed the importance of our growth and sustainability in agriculture."

Plaskett added that being on the Agriculture Committee allows her to better advocate for critical assistance in various segments, including energy, food stamps, and increasing

the territory's food export.

"I want to assist farmers to not only feed Virgin Islanders, but increase food exports as well as help to sustain our small business in the territory. Serving as a member on this committee will better position us to protect food stamp funding and work on increasing the assistance to drive our energy costs down through rural utilities programs," Plaskett said.

Over the course of its nearly 200-year history, the Committee on Agriculture has seen tremendous growth in size as well as influence, and has become one of the key Committees in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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