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Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

RE: Public Comment on 1st Judicial District Judge Applicants

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing in support of the application of **Lisa Leckie** to fill the vacancy in the position of First Judicial District Judge. I have personally known Lisa for over 40 years, dating back to undergraduate days at the University of Montana. Seeing Lisa's name in the October Bar Briefs as an applicant for this position prompted me to look further. Reviewing Lisa's application form prompted me to write.

Lisa's application paints a very accurate picture of her life and career. It exhibits a diverse repertoire of qualifying legal skills and experience required to serve as District Judge. It illustrates the manifold of life experiences she brings to the courtroom, but it does not portray the independence and integrity that drives her.

As a former Montana law clerk and litigator, I have known some very good judges. I believe that a good judge must not only command superior legal skills and experience, but must also illustrate unquestionable probity. I encourage the Commissioners to get to know Lisa, as I do. I am convinced that she has the qualifications to be an exceptional District Judge.

Sincerely,


Susan Fisher Stevens