Dear Mr. Bird:

I am submitting this public comment in support of and as a recommendation for Bina R. Peters as an Applicant for Associate Water Judge, Montana Water Court. As clients of River and Range Law, PLLC, my wife and I have been represented by Ms. Peters in a matter to resolve the issue of access to our irrigation water. Our situation is quite unique as compared to that of other water users on our canal, involving circumstances not typically addressed under the authority of the ditch company and requiring specialized legal knowledge to navigate. In representing us, Bina Peters has exhibited an exceptional level of professionalism, the highest ethical standards, and a wealth of expertise in Montana water law. Her work has demonstrated not only her legal skills, but also her concern for efficiency and her sensitivity to the needs of her clients. She has done an exemplary job of communicating, and of explaining the more complex aspects of the law as it applies to our specific situation, thereby enabling us to better understand the process necessary to resolve the issue. To say we feel extremely fortunate to have her representation is an understatement.

Bina Peters is equipped with the knowledge, experience, expertise and a sense of fairness that make her uniquely qualified to serve as Associate Water Judge for the Montana Water Court. Her career path and range of experience clearly illustrate her commitment to working for the betterment of Montana water users. And, if appointed as Associate Water Judge, she would undoubtedly contribute in great measure to protecting water rights in Montana through her service to the Court. Therefore, I would like to extend my full support in recommending Bina Peters for appointment as Associate Water Judge of the Montana Water Court. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, Scott M Griswold

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