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Chief Justice Cory Swanson
Montana Supreme Court
C/O Office of Court Administrator

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Your Honor:

I submit this letter in support of Bina R. Peters for the position Associate Water Judge of the Montana WaterCourt.

I am a lifelong rancher in southwest Montana and have served as Chairman of Board of the Beaverhead County Red Rock River Water and/or Sewer District which owns Lima Dam for around forty years. Ms. Peters was a water master at the Water Court during the adjudication process for 41A and 41B when I first observed her. She has moved on to administer a successful law practice. I have observed that she is extremely knowledgeable, thoughtful, and well organized. She has shown personal dedication to the advancement of the practice of water law and has held many leadership roles in the legal profession. She strikes me as being very fair and has the ability to stand by her principals to make difficult decisions. It is vitally important to the citizens of Montana that we have Water Judges that know and understand Montana water law.

For these reasons I urge you to appoint Bina R. Peters as Associate Water Judge.

Allen Martinell