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## Water Rights Attorney

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Re: Appointment of Associate Water Judge

Dear Chief Justice Swanson,

I am writing in support of Bina Peters for the position of Associate Water Judge with the Montana Water Court. I have been working as a water rights attorney in Montana for over 25 years. I served with Bina as a Water Master and Senior Water Master while we were both on staff at the Montana Water Court, then appeared before her after I left the court for private practice, and more recently have worked with Bina in cases where we appear as opposing counsel.

Bina has been a pleasure to work with in all of these roles. She is an effective attorney with a calm, measured temperament ideal for a member of the judiciary. She is thoughtful, congenial and well regarded by people with a wide range of political views. She has extensive experience and expertise with water rights adjudication at the Montana Water Court as well as matters related to water distribution involving District Courts and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. She has the legal skills and experience required to be an effective Associate Water Judge and I recommend her for this appointment.

Sincerely,  
Colleen A. Coyle