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Hon. Cory Swanson Chief Justice Montana Supreme Court Mazurek Justice Building 215 North Sanders Street Helena, MT 59634

Re: Letter of recommendation for the appointment of Julia Nordlund to the position of Associate Water Judge of the Montana Water Court.

Dear Chief Justice Swanson:

It is my pleasure to recommend Julia Nordlund to you for an appointment to the position of Montana Water Court Associate Water Judge.

As you may already know, Julia is a native Montanan with plenty of life's experiences with farming and ranching. Julia and her husband Lane currently farm and ranch in Montana in addition to their substantial day jobs, and with raising their two young daughters.

Julia received her college degree from MSU, and her law degree from UM. She has put her education to good use for Montanans, both in private practice and with the Water Court. She has learned from some of the best water lawyers and Water Court judges over the years, and the work she has done for the Water Court reflects her exemplary credentials and fair and level-headed judicial temperament.

In addition to her extensive public service for the Water Court, Julia has a wide range of other valuable experience from her private law practice, state district court clerkship, and multiple legal internships. Such wide-ranging education and experience will make Julia a great Water Court judge.

Thank you considering my letter of recommendation, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Tim Fox

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