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Mr. Bird,

I'm submitting the following public comment on behalf of Julia Nordlund's application for Associate Water Judge:

I've had the pleasure of working with Ms. Nordlund internally as a clerk at the Water Court and now as a practicing attorney in front of the Court. She is incredibly knowledgeable about both substantive water law and the policy framework upon which the law has been built. During my time clerking for the Water Court, Ms. Nordlund provided significant guidance on the adjudication process and served as a great mentor. She is deeply committed to and familiar with the Water Court and the policy of water rights in Montana, and I believe these strengths will make her an excellent Associate Water Judge.

Thanks, Clare

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