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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of Julia Nordlund for the position of Associate Water Judge.

I have known Julie now for nearly a decade and I believe she is an ideal candidate for the Associate Water Judge position at the Water Court. As a Montana native, Julie possesses a deep understanding and personal knowledge of the issues that farmers, ranchers, and rural communities in this state face on a daily basis. Her calm and patient demeanor will be an asset for both represented parties and pro se litigants alike.

Despite her calm demeanor, Julie also possesses an innate ability to take control and assert herself which will inevitably be necessary for the Associate Water Judge. Julie's experience representing water rights clients in private practice and serving as a Water Master for many years will provide a solid foundation for her to seamlessly transition into the Associate Water Judge role.

In her legal writing, Julie manages to analyze issues comprehensively using plain and concise language. She has an ability to thoroughly, yet efficiently, analyze issues and respectfully consider all sides of an argument within the context of applicable law. Julie's clear and direct writing style will undoubtedly serve the Water Court well.

Sincerely,

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