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Chief Justice Cory Swanson Office of the Court Administrator PO Box 203005 Helena, MT 59620-3005

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Re: Appointment of Associate Water Judge

Dear Chief Justice Swanson,

I am writing in support of Anna Stradley 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, in private practice and previously as a Water Master with the Montana Water Court. I enjoyed working with Anna Stradley while we both served as Water Masters.

Anna is conscientious, thorough, and impartial in her work at the Water Court. She is highly experienced and skilled at all matters regarding water rights adjudication, and understands the impact of Montana Water Court decisions. She has a respected family history in Montana agriculture. She has an excellent judicial temperament, and the legal skills and experience required to be an effective Associate Water Judge. I recommend her for this appointment.

Sincerely, Colleen A. Coyle