From: Pepa Roth
To: Bird, Rob

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Maddy Weisz Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025 7:22:40 AM

Dear Chief Justice Swanson,

I am writing to offer my full support for Madeleine Weisz as a candidate for the position of Associate Water Judge of the Montana Water Court. I have known Maddy since childhood and as long as I've known her, she has consistently demonstrated the qualities essential for this type of position.

Maddy is intelligent and empathetic, she works well on a team, and she approaches situations calmly and respectfully. She has dedicated her career to water law. Her legal expertise and life experiences make her uniquely suited to understand the complexities of Montana's water issues and the impacts on all stakeholders. I know that she understands and cares about the real-world impacts that water issues have on our communities.

I am an equine veterinarian in Darby, Montana. I live on my family's farm where my husband and I produce just over 100 ton of hay per year. We enjoy floating the river and fishing, and we care deeply about fish and wildlife conservation. I've experienced firsthand how challenging water issues can be for agricultural landowners and I also understand how important it is to consider agricultural, recreational, and environmental needs within our community.

The challenges we face in managing water issues will only grow more complex in the future. Maddy has the integrity, expertise, and vision to make her the best choice for this position.

Sincerely, Rebecca Roth, DVM 406-381-4839