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Dear Chief Justice Swanson,

I'm writing to recommend Madeleine Weisz for the position of Associate Water Court Judge. I have known Maddy since high school and have considered her one of my closest friends for over 20 years. We lived together during our time as students at Montana State University and I have had the opportunity to watch her career progress over the years.

Maddy is honest, intelligent and fair. She has always been someone who keeps a level head and can be counted on to provide common sense advice. When we were undergraduates at MSU, she majored in Economics, which I believe gives her a strong foundation for understanding the underlying implications of Montana's statewide adjudication. She pursued a career in water law because she believes strongly in the importance of defining property rights to provide certainty to future generations of Montanans.

As a real estate professional practicing in the greater Gallatin Valley, I appreciate both the necessity of the adjudication process and the toll it takes on property owners. It is imperative that the person who is appointed Judge is free from bias and will not be swayed by the competing interests at stake. Maddy will approach every case with a clean slate and will not be burdened by an agenda. She is particularly well suited to be Associate Water Judge and is the best choice for the position.

Sincerely,  
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