

January 16th, 2025

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RE: Letter of Support for Katharine Lace Kuykendall, Applicant for Montana District Court Judge, 20th Judicial District for Lake and Sanders County, Department 2.

Judicial Nomination Commission,

It has come to my attention that Katharine Lace Kuykendall has applied to the open District Court Judge Seat, 20th District. I am honored to throw my full support behind that effort.

I have known Kate since I moved to Plains, MT in 1995 and we have maintained a friendship ever since. I know Kate to be intelligent, fair-minded, dignified, and compassionate, the perfect personality for a Judge as I see it.

She is well qualified, having graduated from the University of Montana School of Law, and has practiced within myriad legal areas of concentration. Furthermore, she grew up in Sanders County where she now resides in Plains. Her legal acumen and deep roots in the District uniquely qualify her to serve the People of Sanders and Lake counties and uphold Constitutional Law.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Katharine (Kate) Kuykendall as an applicant to fill the vacancy in the Twentieth Judicial District. I have known Kate all of her life and strongly support her desire to serve as judge. I grew up in Sanders County, and while I now live in Missoula, I have strong ties, as does Kate, to the people of Sanders County. I want what is best for the people of the county, and it is my personal belief that Kate would be an outstanding judicial representative for the residents of Sanders and Lake counties. Kate has the ability and desire to interpret and apply the law as it is written, regardless of her own opinion or that of the parties, and I believe it is this skill which is the most important to her potential success as a judge.

Other characteristics Kate displays in abundance which would contribute to success as a judge are integrity, discretion and trustworthiness. I have referred friends to her for legal matters, and she can be trusted to never disclose any information that is not freely available in the community. Kate has an incredibly strong moral compass and in a world where every day brings a new scandal, weakening the public trust in individuals and institutions, Kate stands as an exceptional counter to this trend. Kate has led an exemplary life and I have no doubt will continue to do so.

Kate is a serious, responsible person and any task she undertakes is thoughtfully and carefully accomplished. She is also intelligent and hardworking, and her work ethic and integrity would ensure that the people of Sanders and Lake counties would have a judge who would work tirelessly to apply the law on their behalf.

In summary, I support Kate in her application to serve as judge, wholeheartedly and without reservation.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Osborn, MD FACP