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Written Statement: I am including here my recent email message to Gov. Gianforte in support of Judge Ohman's confirmation:

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I am writing today to address SR 47 (confirmation of Judge Peter Ohman to the 18th Jud. Dist. bench).

I am privileged to be enjoying my 6 year anniversary as Belgrade City Court Judge this week. I reflect back fondly on my term with the Petra Academy Board and the high standards for professionalism and integrity you expected of us and the professionals that worked in and for the school.

I have known Judge Peter Ohman for seventeen years. He meets your standards for professionalism and integrity squarely. Judge Ohman has been a friend, mentor and colleague of mine in the trenches. He is not an ideologue. Like justices of the peace and magistrate judges, district judges are amongst the 'workhorses' of the judicial system. Unlike appellate judges at higher levels, they require the temperament to daily grind through large dockets with a wide variety of challenges.

There are not easy to find or replace.

Judge Ohman is a family man who prioritizes his role as a father. He is brave-----both as a trial attorney and whitewater kayaker.

While I embrace a conservative worldview, I lost no sleep in Judge Ohman's selection by Gov. Bullock----even though I had also been an applicant.

In this particular situation, the choice was sound. Judge Ohman is a good, well-grounded fit for Gallatin County. He will get the job done competently and will 'stay in his lane.'

It is my sincere hope that the Senate confirms him.

I wish you the very best in your new position and thank you for your willingness to serve our state.

Respectfully,

Andy Breuner

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