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Senator Patrick Leahy
433 Russell Senate Office Building
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Federal Court Nomination – Nancy Freudenthal

Dear Pat:

Happy New Year to you and your family. I write you to support the nomination of Nancy Freudenthal to the Federal Court for the District of Wyoming. I understand a hearing is tentatively set before your committee and am always anxious to find an excuse to write you. This occasion is, however, of particular interest to me as Nancy Freudenthal was my first and best legal counsel while I was Governor, not to mention that her husband Dave, our current Governor, was the individual largely responsible for convincing me that politics was an acceptable alternative to trial practice.

Nancy is a brilliant woman, an accomplished lawyer and an individual of impeccable integrity. During my tenure I appointed Nancy to the State Board of Equalization, an important administrative judicial position in which she served with distinction. She has now been in private practice with a Cheyenne/Sheridan law firm and has developed the reputation of a smart, hard-working and talented lawyer while in the last seven years acting as our much respected and highly engaged first lady.

It is with much pleasure and some substantial pride that I write this letter of unconditional support for Nancy and ask your favorable consideration. She is and will be a credit to the bench and bar.

Jane joins me in sending our very best to you and Marcelle and hope our paths will cross again one of these days.

Very truly yours,

Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP

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cc: Jim Lyons