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MCV Endorses Judge Dirk Sandefur for Montana Supreme Court

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HELENA, MT – Montana Conservation Voters today announced its endorsement of Judge Dirk Sandefur for seat 3 on the Montana Supreme Court. Sandefur is running for the seat left open by the retirement of Justice Patricia Cotter. Kristen Juras of Great Falls is also running for seat 3.

"Dirk is the clear choice because of his dedication to preserve the integrity of the Supreme Court and belief in the rights within the U.S. and Montana Constitutions," said Dave Tyler, chair of the MCV Political Action Committee and Belgrade resident. "Dirk made it very clear to us that he believes in the rule of law and that is evidenced by the way he approaches his work and decisions."

Key to making MCV's decisions were Sandefur's strong campaign plan, high level of interest in receiving MCV's endorsement, and his involvement in protecting the integrity of Montana's election laws in a 2006 decision. Juras was approached repeatedly for an interview and canceled one meeting due to a family commitment. Due to the importance of electing a new Supreme Court justice and number of offices up for election in 2016, MCV felt it important to move forward with an endorsement decision based on the strong interview with Sandefur and his record as an impartial and fair jurist.

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A former officer with the Havre Police Department and Deputy Cascade County Attorney, Sandefur has served as a district court judge for the 8th District Court since his election in 2002 and was re-elected in 2008 and 2014. Born and raised in Great Falls, Sandefur earned his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Montana. He has been married for 25 years and has three children and an informally adopted niece. Sandefur has been endorsed by every retired Montana Supreme Court justice with the exception of Brian Morris who currently serves as judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana.

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