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Utah State Senate
Utah State Capitol
House Building, Suite W-210
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RE: Nomination of Margaret Plane to the Utah Court of Appeals

Dear Senators:

It is with great pleasure that we write in support of Margaret Plane, Governor Herbert's nominee to the Utah Court of Appeals. As members of the Fiduciary Board of the Utah Center for Legal Inclusion, we urge you to vote in favor of Ms. Plane's confirmation.

Judges on the Utah Court of Appeals wear many hats and play critical roles in both the state judicial system and in the overall legal profession. These judges must have strong legal minds and excellent analytical skills. In addition, the judges on this court consistently serve the public in myriad ways. Margaret Plane checks all of these boxes and many more.

Ms. Plane would come to the court with a breadth and depth of experience that showcases her abilities. From working with a court of appeals judge as a young attorney, to leading the legal program at the ACLU of Utah, to being the city attorney for the largest city in the state, Ms. Plane has shown she is capable of managing complex legal issues while also taking on significant leadership responsibilities.

Beyond her paid work, Ms. Plane has also dedicated immense time and energy to serving in volunteer positions. She has long been a commissioner on the Utah State Bar Commission and has extended her efforts beyond the state by serving as the Utah Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. Ms. Plane has also served on numerous other committees and boards, including as president of the Women Lawyers of Utah. This type of volunteering is often done behind the scenes with very little recognition, but it contributes significantly to the efficient and effective administration of our legal system and profession. Ms. Plane has been a leader in public service both in her daily work and in the additional work she has voluntarily assumed. We look forward to seeing how Ms. Plane's contributions will continue as she transitions to a role in the judiciary.

In sum, Ms. Plane is well prepared, experienced, and dedicated to our community. She will be a positive addition to the incredible group of judges that currently serve on the Court of Appeals. Without hesitation, we recommend Ms. Plane for confirmation.

Sincerely,

The Utah Center for Legal Inclusion Fiduciary Board

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