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The Honorable Scott K. Walker Governor of Wisconsin 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

RE: Application for Judicial Appointment - Eau Claire County Circuit Court, Branch 1

Dear Governor Walker:

I respectfully ask you to appoint me to fill the judicial opening in Eau Claire County and succeed Judge Kristina Bourget. I am grateful for your appointment to serve as Eau Claire County District Attorney. The election was a disappointment after the work that my supporters and I put into the campaign. In a presidential election, we simply could not gain enough support from democrats who voted for President Obama.

The City of Eau Claire is an enclave for democrats. In the November 2012 election, I garnered the same percentage, 47%, as did Mitt Romney. In the most recent gubernatorial election, Jodi Gobrecht, the clerk of court, ran into the same headwind that I did garnering 48% of the vote. In both instances, the election results had nothing to do with the quality of my work as district attorney and Ms. Gobrecht's work as clerk of court.

I learned a great deal from the election for district attorney. First and foremost, I learned the hard truth that politics in Eau Claire is as partisan as other parts of our State. When I interviewed for the appointment as district attorney, I told you that I don't like losing. I am now better prepared and ready to run a campaign that will garner support from the voters of Eau Claire County be they republican or democrat.

Two things will help in the judicial election. One is that it is an April election. The other is your support for the Confluence Project and the allocation of some funding from the State for this project. In short, I believe this is a winnable election if it is contested in April.

Haley and I have discussed my seeking this judicial appointment. Haley is one-hundred percent supportive and is prepared to shield our daughter, Cordelia, from the politics of the election if it again degrades into personal attacks about our family.

Finally, Haley and I fully support you as Governor and the good work you have done for the State of Wisconsin. We have devoted the majority of our time to our daughter over the past 20 months and, for this reason, our support for you has been limited to voting for you. Regardless of your decision on this appointment, Haley and I just made a financial contribution to what we hope will be your run for President. In our opinion, you are the best candidate in the field of republicans running. God speed and show the nation the virtues of the conservative ideals that you and our family believe in.

Respectfully yours

Brian H. Wright