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I have had the privilege of knowing Steve Spodyak for over thirty years. Initially I met him when he was a student in my English class at Platte Canyon High School. I also had the opportunity to coach him as a member of my speech and debate team. Several years later I was able to observe him in his capacity as a school safety resource officer representing the Park County Sheriff's Department. In all of these associations I was able to see an outstanding young man. He never varied from his care and concern for whatever task he was given, and I continue to be impressed with not only his diligence but his integrity and positive associations with those he works with.

Over the past few years I have been particularly impressed with Steve's devotion to duty. Whether that devotion lead him in his care of his outstanding family or to his duties within the Sheriff's Department. I have been aware of his ability to set and achieve high goals not only for himself but for the people he was working with. I have watched him get training that not only qualifies him for his job but makes him be a cut above others because of his desire to excel.

Steve's family means the world to him as evidenced of his care for his mother to his love and concern for his delightful wife and his sons. That same devotion to family has been readily apparent in his continued care and concern for the residents of Park County. His desire to do his best in everything he pursues will carry him far in his pursuit and fulfillment of Park County Law Enforcement.

Steve Spodyak would be one of the best sheriffs Park County has known. He will become known throughout the state of Colorado. I know from previous experiences with this outstanding man that he will serve and protect the residents of Park County to the best of his many abilities. In this day and age when integrity is so important with our public servants, Steve exhibits this integrity, and he should definitely be elected as Park County's next sheriff.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Barth". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "B".

Ruth Barth