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I am writing this letter in support of David Ott's candidacy for the position of Coroner for Beaufort County. Having known and worked with David over the past 23 years, I believe that he has the requisite knowledge, experience and temperament to best serve the citizens of Beaufort County in this capacity. In my opinion, it is his vast expertise in the investigatory field that best qualifies David for this often misunderstood and underappreciated public office.

When I moved to Beaufort in 1997 and began work as a lawyer in the Public Defender's Office, David was the first law enforcement officer I met. He was an investigator with the Beaufort Police Department, and invited me to his office to discuss a pending case we had together. I was both surprised and impressed with the offer, and despite the fact that we were on opposing sides, he was extremely candid and forthcoming about our case. Since that time, I have worked with David on numerous occasions, and he has continued to exhibit the fundamental traits of character and hard work that make him the best candidate for the office of Coroner.

I wholeheartedly and without reservation endorse David Ott in the June primary for Coroner of Beaufort County.

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