

July 2, 2009

Swanson for Attorney General
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Dear Elizabeth:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on Attorney General Lori Swanson.

I am an attorney in private practice in Minneapolis. I was previously employed in the Attorney General's Office as an Assistant Attorney General, working in the area of utility regulation. This is a very complicated area of the law involving a broad array of competing interests and issues that can have a profound effect on families and businesses throughout the state.

As a former Assistant Attorney General and colleague of Lori's, I knew Lori to be a supportive leader who cared about the utility rate payer and understood the complexities of utility regulation. In my experience at the Attorney General's office, Lori has always put the public interest above narrow private interests. Lori understands at a fundamental level the critical role of the Attorney General's Office in serving the public in a role Lori often describes as "the peoples' lawyer." In my experience, Lori has always provided great ethical leadership that is guided by the principle. I have found Lori to be the type of leader that promotes thoughtful debate, and enjoys an open substantive dialogue on all important aspects of the issues that confront the Attorney General's Office.

I thoroughly enjoyed working with Lori Swanson. The Attorney General's Office is a prestigious place to work for attorneys, and it continues to be held in high regard because of the strong leadership of Lori Swanson.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Lipschultz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dan Lipschultz