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**The Honourable Patricia Forsythe**

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Mr Chris Stone  
The State Director  
Liberal Party NSW Division  
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Dear State Director *Chris*

Katherine O'Regan has indicated her intention to seek selection for the electorate of Wentworth. I am delighted to provide this reference in support of her candidature.

I have known Katherine for many years in part through her work in the Liberal Party but as well and more broadly through her excellent leadership of the Sydney East Business Chamber and as CEO of the Cities Leadership Institute.

Katherine is a thought leader particularly in relation to the functioning of cities and a highly effective member of the business community. I have been pleased to work with Katherine on a number of issues that matter to business. The work she has done to energise the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce now the Sydney East Business Chamber and the local Double Bay commercial centre is an enormous credit to her drive and capability.

As CEO of the Cities Leadership Institute I invited Katherine to represent Australia on a panel discussion on cities at the World Chamber's Congress held in Sydney last year and her knowledge and expertise was a credit to her and to Australia and was remarked upon by delegates.

Early this year I participated in an event hosted by her business chamber to inform local businesses on some key issues that matter to them. What was clear from the event was that the chamber is a successful thriving group working together to improve the opportunities for local business.

As the Liberal candidate Katherine would send a strong message that women are supported by the Liberal Party and as a local with strong family ties to the area she would challenge some of the criticism levelled at the party about the importance of local communities.

Katherine is a loyal member of the party who has made a difference in her community and more broadly, she has excellent credentials to make a difference in the Federal Parliament. Wentworth has a proud tradition of strong local members, Katherine would add to that tradition.

Yours sincerely

*Patricia Forsythe*  
**Hon Patricia Forsythe**

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