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STATE OF MONTANA

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Clerk of Supreme Court
Helena Montana

12-02-16

RE: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable members of the Court,

You have Called for public Comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a Concerned Citizen of Montana I respectfully request in the strongest terms that you reject this rule for the following reasons. First there is the matter of government overreach into the personal views of such attorneys who have every right in our Constitutional form of government to not only hold such a view in private but to express in public that view. additionally any citizen has a right (not granted but inalienable) to freedom of thought and religion (not cloistered but public). This appears to be an attempt by certain groups to coerce thought and action or face penalty of professional and personal rights. I urge you to avoid this "politically correct" pitfall.

Respectfully, Todd Linder
Kalispell, Mt.

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