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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 09-0688

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To: Supreme Court Justices of Montana,

I understand that shortly you will be considering adopting a new rule, Rule 8.4. This rule, as I understand it, would protect LGBT folks as well as others often identified as on the fringes of society from being denied access to legal services based upon their status or the lack thereof.

I do my best to think with both my head and my heart, guided by reasoning & compassion.

My first personal experience with how folks experience discrimination was in 1970, working with migrant farm workers, addressing inadequate housing issues and car dealers asking/selling 20 year old autos at exorbitant prices.

Since then, its been re-experienced with attitudes towards minority groups such as LGBT folks. I had seen 2 family members in the course of their lives being treated as outcasts.

Attitudes can be positively or negatively affected by the laws on the book.

Please adopt rule 8.4.

Sincerely,

John Iger

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