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HONORABLE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES OF MONTANA,

I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT,
AND URGE YOURS AS WELL, FOR RULE 8.4. AT OUR VERY
CORE, NONE OF US ARE THE SAME AS THE PEOPLE AROUND
US, BUT WE ALL DESERVE TO BE RECIPIENTS OF DIGNITY
AND RESPECT WHEN WE ARE INTERACTING IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.
RULE 8.4 CANNOT FORCE PEOPLE TO TREAT OTHERS WITH
RESPECT, BUT IT DOES DEFINE THE ABSENCE AS UN-PROFESSIONAL
AND A MISREPRESENTATION OF OTHERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
OF PROFESSIONALS. MANY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS ALREADY
LABEL THIS TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION AS UN-ETHICAL AND
NOT CHARACTERISTIC OR FAVORABLE REPRESENTATIONS
OF THE PROFESSION. TO TAKE THE ADDITIONAL STEP OF
CALLING THIS BEHAVIOR WHAT IT IS, PROFESSIONAL
MISCONDUCT SETS THE TONE AND EXPECTATION IN A
MORE CLEAR WAY. PLEASE LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO RULE
8.4. THANK YOU,

