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To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objections filed against Judge Ashley Harada

Dear Supreme Court,

I am a resident of Yellowstone County and support the Objections filed by three Billings' attorneys for the removal of Judge Ashley Harada. I also agree with the viewpoint shared by District Judge Gregory Todd in the 3/19/2020 Billings Gazette.

Judge Harada has violated the trust of residents of our county and lacks credibility as an honorable judge. While all people should be held accountable for offenses they commit, I believe judges should be held to a higher standard in ethical and lawful behavior. They enforce the laws, require others to abide by them, and require those before them to tell the truth under oath. Judge Harada violated campaign rules and failed to tell the truth under oath. A public censure is nothing more than a slap on the wrist and simply not a reasonable response to this action.

To offer complete transparency, Judge Harada's opponent in the election, Juli Pierce, is my niece. If Juli would have acted in the same manner as Judge Harada, I would be disappointed in her and would let her know. I would tell her that winning by failing to follow the rules is not winning - it is simply cheating, and you do not deserve the honor to work for the people of Yellowstone County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I hope you will decide to uphold the independence and integrity of the judiciary.

Respectfully,

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