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Dear Justices of the Montana Supreme Court,

It is with confidence that I write this letter of support for Judge Ashley Harada. As president of Billings Catholic Schools, I have worked closely with Ashley who is a member of our school board and a parent of children in our school system. I would encourage you to follow the recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Ashley is well respected as an attorney, being a community advocate and an active parent. As a member of our board, Judge Harada has volunteered for many committee assignments to help guide our school system to meet the needs of our students and families. Judge Harada has also advised us on legal matters in the past. Judge Harada was clear, concise and articulate in her reasoning when advising us as clients. All services were rendered pro bono as part of her service to the community.

Judge Harada demonstrates dedication and determination in all chosen endeavors. Task oriented, Judge Harada can handle her workload in the courtroom, perform community service, volunteer at the school and parent two children of her own and an exchange student.

There have been many issues to deal with as a member of the school board. As a member of our board, I see Judge Harada as timely, fair, honest and deliberate in her decision making. She has played an essential role in our success because her approach to situations is characterized by hard work and thoughtful decision making.

Judges are high profile in our communities. I understand that Judge Harada made poor choices and has admitted her mistakes. It may well be that is a good experience for a judge to have gone through as they carry out their duties.

If I can be of any service as you consider your decision, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Shaun Harrington
Billings Catholic School