I am writing to express my opposition to the Draft Proposal to Amend ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4.

In what is probably a sincere effort to address instances of wrongful discrimination, the proposed changes go much too far and will needlessly create constitutional, ethical, and moral dangers for thousands of attorneys, the vast majority of whom are conscientious about the duties of their chosen profession.

In particular, the potential First Amendment problems created by the Proposed Changes are significant and clear.

I urge the Ethics Committee to reject the suggested amendments to ABA Model Rule 8.4.

Respectfully,

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