To the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility,

We are both attorneys licensed to practice in Ohio and we oppose the proposed amendment to Rule 8.4 of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct for the reasons stated in the Joint Comment of the 52 ABA Member Attorneys. The law is a noble profession and as such, the lawyer is not called to the bare minimum requirements of the law, but to the loftier requirements of the lawyer’s conscience. To deprive each lawyer of the right to practice in accordance with his or her conscience would be unconscionable.

Sincerely,

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