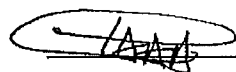


To the Blaine City Council,

You may be aware that I recently faced charges due to an ethics violation. During an incident where I wrongly feared for my son's safety, I attempted to receive special treatment due to my position on the Council. This was a serious mistake on my part, and I am sorry for any impact that incident has had on the Council, or on the community at large. I have since taken responsibility for my mistake, and have learned a great deal through the process.

It was an honor to serve among you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Aluma Paul", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Richard Aluma Paul