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Dear Women of Influence Award Committee,

Angela Maiers is clearly a woman of influence by almost anyone’s measure.

She is nationally known and recognized as a visionary, thought leader and founder of a national movement. She is in demand as a speaker, trainer, advisor, ambassador and partner by many prominent education organizations and individual educators across the nation as a result of the influence she has achieved.

Angela has married her extensive background in education with her passion for innovative business principles and melded them into a simple, lucid manifesto that has caused the education community to sit up and take notice. Angela has arranged support and mentoring from prominent business leaders for the most promising candidates to help realize their ideas. She also secured a special category at the national Bammy Awards to have her students recognized on the same stage along some of the nation’s most prominent education leaders. She has also garnered support from an array of organizations including the Huffington Post, Discovery, Edutopia and the Academy of Education Arts and Sciences.

As founder and chief evangelist, Angela regularly traverses the nation spreading the gospel of “making a difference” to students, educators and business people. When not touching lives face to face, she reaches people through social media, where her influence eclipses most national education associations. Over 100,000 people follow her on Twitter, another indicator that her reach and impact extend far beyond her hometown.

However, there are two qualities that distinguish Angela from the big dreamers I’ve met. The first is an incredible bias for action and the second is a gargantuan heart. Angela cares and loves humanity at a level that is rare these days. Read here blogs or tweets and one quickly sees that empowering others is what Angela Maiers is here for. In an era where self-absorbed leaders dominate our screens, Angela is a delightful departure from the norm and a role model for all. Angela has become influential by empowering others and is now using her expanding influence to empower even more of us. Your organization and mission would be well served to recognize Angela Maiers with you Women of Influence Award.

Sincerely,

/s/ Errol St. Clair Smith

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