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To Whom it May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Monica Reyes for the Business Record’s 2016 Women of Influence award. Monica’s work creating DREAM Iowa has had a meaningful and significant impact building new leaders around the state.

Monica has been a strong champion for equal treatment of immigrants in the small town she grew up in in northeastern Iowa and a voice pushing for humane immigration policies on the national stage. Monica has worked tirelessly to elevate her voice to tell her own story and the struggles of the undocumented immigrant community in Iowa. She has educated presidential candidates and helped create a more honest dialogue about policies that candidates support.

DREAM Iowa, the organization Monica co-founded with her sister, has created a network of young immigrants in Iowa who are working to provide resources to immigrants across the state. Monica and DREAM Iowa have been working to identify new leaders across the state and are creating opportunities for Iowans to contribute in new, exciting and lasting ways in their communities.

Monica has become a role model for young immigrants around the state and I’m honored to recommend her for the 2016 Women of Influence award and I look forward to the growth I know we will continue to see.

Sincerely,



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