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Women of Influence Selection Committee,

With great enthusiasm, I submit the name of Rachel Stauffer as a nominee for the Woman of Influence award. I have known Ms. Stauffer for the past 20 years. She originally introduced herself to me in a letter, expressing her desire to volunteer for Planned Parenthood. Once involved, she quickly gained momentum and leadership recognition. In a few short years she became an officer on the board of directors and then was elected to chair the board.

There was no meeting too long, no assignment too daunting, and no protestor too harsh to discourage her deep commitment to the organization. Under Rachel’s leadership, Planned Parenthood adopted an ambitious strategic plan that moved both the board and the organization to new and higher levels of achievement. During these crucial years of organizational growth, Rachel used her many skills to keep everyone focused, well informed and empowered.

Rachel is an asset to any organization she touches. Planned Parenthood and I are deeply grateful for her steady hand, tireless work and abiding devotion to equality and justice. Over the past two decades.

Warm regards,

Jill June