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Dear Women of Influence Selection Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Rachel Stauffer to be recognized as a 2017 Women of Influence honoree. She has truly excelled with all four of your selection criteria.

Rachel has risen to high levels in the male-dominated world of financial investments. With a successful college career at two prestigious higher education institutions, she worked her way to be responsible for millions of dollars in investments at highly regarded companies. Her unique combination of intelligence, dedication, vision, integrity, and humility has also been shared to benefit our community.

Serving on the board of the Des Moines Public Library (DMPL) Foundation during the final years of the capital campaign, Rachel has a part in the lasting impact of the new and renovated library buildings.

As you can see from her resume', Rachel has extensive leadership experience with civic and nonprofit organizations while employed in very demanding professional positions. In addition to the DMPL Foundation, she served on the boards of Iowa Public Television, Planned Parenthood, the Chrysalis Foundation, and The Homestead Living and Learning Center. Her contributions of time and talent, have helped and will continue to help bring outstanding services to our community and State.

It is difficult to find someone who is a better role model for other women; through her many achievements and her reputation for civility, integrity, and kindness, than Rachel. Due to her humility, people often do not know that she was an All-American Swimmer, has a MBA from the Wharton School, and completed two Hawaii Ironman World Championship Triathlons. Rachel is a generous and gracious community leader.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dory Briles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dory" being more prominent and the last name "Briles" written in a slightly more formal but still cursive style.

Dory Briles
Executive Director