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Dear Members of the Women of Influence Selection Committee:

I am pleased to submit this letter as a nomination for Suzanne Mineck, President/CEO of the Mid Iowa Health Foundation, as a candidate for the *2017 Business Record Women of Influence Award*. Suzanne has a long history of tireless work to improve the health and quality of life in the Greater Des Moines area. She has literally touched thousands of individuals in Central Iowa through her work with the Mid Iowa Foundation. She has personally led the Foundation in fulfilling its Mission to serve as a catalyst and partner for improving the health of vulnerable people in Greater Des Moines. Suzanne is an ideal candidate to receive the *2017 Business Record Women of Influence Award*.

I have had the pleasure of working with Suzanne over the past 4 years in my role as President of Mercy Medical Center. Together we have worked on numerous initiatives to improve the quality of life for the less fortunate in the Greater Des Moines and Central Iowa areas. Suzanne is a true leader. She works with the Board of Directors, community agencies, community citizens, and not-for-profit organizations whose charitable missions are directly aligned toward improving the health of the less fortunate and to improve the quality of living in the Des Moines area. Suzanne has developed programs and initiatives to generate and allocate philanthropic support to assist agencies and individuals in making a difference in the Greater Des Moines area. She has participated in numerous community health committees and has personally convened groups of individuals to foster collaboration among several organizations to address our most pressing health needs. Suzanne is a passionate community steward, and certainly an individual whom everyone looks up to.

It is both an honor and a privilege to submit this letter on behalf of Suzanne Mineck to be the recipient of the *2017 Business Record Women of Influence Award*. She is a leader, a Board Member, a community activist, and an all-around great person whose character, qualities, and abilities are consistent to the objectives of the *Business Record's Annual Women of Influence Award*.

Please give Suzanne Mineck's candidacy for the *2017 Business Record Women of Influence Award* your fullest consideration. Suzanne is a very caring, compassionate, and deserving community leader.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of nomination and support for Suzanne Mineck, please contact me directly at 515-247-4278

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Ritz", written over a horizontal line.

Robert P. Ritz
President

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