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Dear Members of the Women of Influence Selection committee:

It is my pleasure to lend support to the nomination of Dr. Rebecca D. Shaw as a candidate for a Women of Influence Award. I have known Dr. Shaw for approximately 4 years as she arrived at Des Moines University (DMU) in the summer of 2013 to serve as course co-coordinator for an Obstetrics and Gynecology class for second year DO students. Over her time at DMU, her responsibilities have expanded from part-time to full time. She currently serves as Chair of the Department of Specialty Medicine along with many other duties to include clerkship coordinator, simulation lab co-director, as well as preceptor for students on global health service trips.

Dr. Shaw has had a very accomplished career in medicine having distinguished herself as a clinical provider in private practice as well as a medical director of Iowa Health-Des Moines Midwifery Services. She chose to bring her talents and expertise to DMU when we needed them most and her contributions and leadership have been well received. She is known for her professional demeanor, her direct communications, and her ability to establish rapport easily with others. Our students love her, seek her out, and express considerable satisfaction with her willingness to advise and mentor.

She has been a welcome addition to the DMU family and I am personally impressed with the impact she has made in a short time. Here, she has clearly shaped the approach to training the next generation of health professionals as she exudes a very competent and compassionate style in interacting with others.

Dr. Shaw has already been recognized with a Women of Vision Award by the Young Women's Resource Center and an Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award with the Association of Fundraising Professionals. There is no doubt that she has distinguished herself as a clinical provider, an administrator, an educator, and a mentor, influencing the next generation of health care providers. It is for these reasons that I enthusiastically support the nomination of Dr. Rebecca Shaw for the award, Women of Influence!

Sincerely,



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