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To the selection committee of the 2017 Women of Influence Award

It is with great pleasure and deep pride that I hereby submit a letter of high recommendation on behalf of Erin Mullenix for the Business Record Women of Influence 2017 award.

I have known Erin in a professional and personal capacity for almost seven years. A highly motivated and intelligent woman, Erin is an exemplary employee, always eager to explore new research and behaviors yet able to communicate at a level fitting for the audience she is addressing. Some of the research Erin explored while at the Iowa League of Cities, was very influential in providing fiscal policy impacts on Iowa communities. These impacts were translated into tools that each individual community could use in projecting future impacts, guidance for decision making, and enhancing communication to their citizens.

Erin is also a collaborator and willing to lend her expertise in any task asked of her. She was instrumental in the development of a wellness program, safety and Emergency Plans for the Iowa League of Cities. She still writes articles for the Cityscape magazine upon request and gives presentations at the League's annual conference.

Sharing her other talents, Erin has also volunteered as a grant writer and administrator for a local preschool, allowing them to enrich their security and enhance reading/learning programs. She plans to expend these services to other PTAs this fall.

Since 2010 Erin has been active with the Hyperemesis Education and Research Foundation. She regularly volunteers to support and provide outreach to women as they deal with hyperemesis gravidarum (HG). In particular she is an outreach volunteer to those mothers who have experienced the loss of a child after going through HG. Though this can be a difficult circumstance, she feels her time is truly appreciated by those she has helped.

In her current position, Erin continues to foster her love for communities and local government. At ISU she seeks grant funding to develop interdisciplinary teams of practitioners, researchers and communities to promote data driven decision making and strong efficient fiscal and managerial policies.

Thank you for considering Erin Mullenix for the Women of Influence 2017 award. I am sure that her high professional standards and work ethic well qualify her for consideration of this award.

Respectfully submitted,

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