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Women Of Influence Selection Committee

Re: 2018 Women of Influence Nomination for Representative Helen Miller

It is with great pleasure, honor, and pride that I write this letter to support the nomination of Representative Helen Miller as one of the 2018 Business Record Women of Influence.

As a 2017 Women of Influence honoree and noting qualities of other previous honorees, I have some sense of the type of accomplished individuals recognized by the Business Record. Past Women of Influence honorees have demonstrated leadership, vision, generosity of time, talent and treasure.

These women have gone beyond simply doing a job well done, but who also exhibit extraordinary passion for their endeavors and the courage to act on that extraordinary passion. Representative Miller fits perfectly into that mold of women who have taken their calling in life, added passion and courage and left an indelible imprint on their community, state, and the lives of women and girls, fortunate enough to have crossed their path.

To call Representative Miller, a people's advocate is going beyond simplistic. Whether in the Iowa legislature or volunteering in the nonprofit community arts education enrichment programs, she has brought community and business leaders along with her to address policy to enhance economic development, arts programming for youth in Central Iowa, as well as , across Iowa and the communities she represented in the legislature. Guided by an inner imperative to create stronger communities and lives, she combines personal dedication with leadership skills, knowledge of how systems work, and hands on action to produce results, such as, the Urban Ag Academy.

How does she do it and do it successfully? First, she has a clear vision of the value of diverse perspectives. Secondly, she has compassion tempered with practicality. Third, she is an advocate for policy and programs that aligns and enhances her vision for improving the quality of life for Iowans.

Through her extensive service as a legislator, nonprofit volunteer, and board member of numerous organizations, Representative Miller has built not just networks, but virtual highways with express lanes between and among parties interested in improving the quality of life for Iowans, economically, educationally, and culturally. She absolutely understands that unless you are "at the table" you cannot get key stakeholders and other thought leaders engaged in important issues. She has demonstrated this time and time again, through her efforts in her community and throughout Iowa. Her record of volunteer and public service is inspiring and her achievements extraordinary.

In conclusion, I can think of no more deserving addition to the Women of Influence legacy than Representative Helen Miller. I look forward to attending and celebrating her as a 2018 Business Record Women of Influence honoree.

Sincerely,

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