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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Ms. Linda Carter-Lewis for the Business Publications-Women of Influence recognition. Ms. Carter-Lewis is a highly recognized and influential leader in Des Moines, having lived here all her life. She lives a faith-filled and active life as an advocate for equality as the former president of the Des Moines Branch NAACP as well as the Des Moines Civil Service Commission. She also lends support to the National Advisory Board on diversity at Drake University, the United Way Board of Directors, the YWCA of Greater Des Moines, and the African American Leadership Coalition.

I came to know Ms. Carter-Lewis upon my arrival in Des Moines in 2011. She had been a long-standing supporter of diversity and inclusion efforts at Des Moines University and graciously extended her support to our Glanton Scholarship Fund which targets our recruiting efforts for minority and disadvantaged students. She has been a trail blazer for equal rights and justice for all, and she quickly became one of my friends and supporters in our efforts to train culturally sensitive and competent future health care professionals.

Ms. Carter-Lewis clearly follows the Golden Rule in her philosophy of life and is one who always leads with a smile and a positive message of kindness, respect, and perseverance. She is one of my favorite people in Des Moines and I cannot think of a more deserving person to be recognized for the influence and impact she has made on this community. It is for these reasons that I strongly endorse her nomination for the Women of Influence award.

Sincerely,


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