

January 10, 2017

Attn: Jason Swanson

Director of Operations

Business Publications Corporation

The Depot at Fourth

100 4th Street

Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Forty under 40 candidate Chad Briles

Dear Mr. Swanson:

I am writing this letter in support of Chad Briles, the CEO of The Stone Shop as a candidate for the Forty under 40 awards. As a 35 year resident of the Des Moines Metro Area and current business executive, in Ankeny, IA , and former : Board Chairman and CEO of MidAmerica Savings Bank, Board member and Board Chair of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Red Cross, Board member and Board Chair of Child Serve (formerly Convalescent Home for Children), Honorary Board Chair for the March of Dimes, I believe that a recipient of the Forty under 40 awards should be individuals that use their skills and resources to make a lasting difference in their community.

Chad Briles is that person. I have known Chad for several years primarily in his capacity as CEO of the Stone Shop. I have witnessed firsthand his business and entrepreneurial endeavors. Chad is always interested in providing the community and the customers he serves with a quality product while balancing the needs of his employees and family.

I know that the community needs young, motivated leaders to carry on the success of the Metro Area and I believe Chad is one of those individuals.

Sincerely,

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