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Des Moines Business Record
Forty Under 40

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased to write in support Erica Axiotis's nomination for Paige Peterson Connolly to be considered for Forty Under 40.

Ms. Connolly was selected as the photographer for our recent Guardian Project endeavor. To be honest, her photographs were nothing short of amazing. They were stark, yet compelling and completely captured the spirit of all people in the law enforcement profession. She portrayed our officers as proud of their profession, dignified, and self-sufficient, while at the same time compassionate and caring.

Ms. Connolly was very professional, organized, and graciously worked around the difficult schedules posed by the police employees she was photographing. We are very proud of the images and what they portray, and we will be able to use them for years to come. They are truly timeless.

The creative way in which Ms. Connolly captures the essence of what she photographs makes her a strong contender as someone who will make a positive impact on our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wingert".

Dana Wingert
Chief of Police