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Dear Forty Under 40 Judges,

I've met a lot of talented people in my 30+ years in the staffing and recruiting industry, with Katie Stull being on the short list of those who are truly extraordinary. As you review her professional accomplishments, her dedication to community service, and learn about her character through letters of support, I hope you agree she is most worthy of being recognized as a Forty Under 40 class member.

I came to know Katie almost 10 years ago when she was working on her Master of Business Administration at Drake University and had an internship with my company, Portico (now Aureon Staffing & Recruiting). While it was clear that Katie was highly intelligent and a natural leader, what really stood out is what I believe to be her greatest strength — an unwavering positive attitude. She has the best laugh, tackles the most difficult tasks with a smile, gets serious results and is the kind of person that brings out the best in others.

Katie works tirelessly to improve herself, the companies she serves, and the lives of others throughout the community. From pursuing certifications to take her professional knowledge to the next level, to taking on increasingly challenging opportunities throughout her career, to volunteering for several organizations, such as Prevent Child Abuse Iowa (Connections Matter), Ronald McDonald House, United Way of Central Iowa, and Make-A-Wish Iowa, just to name a few. She has also volunteered at Drake for 7+ years as a student mentor and reviewer of resumes. And as you will likely see on her resume, she serves on countless committees and was elected president of then Central Iowa Society of Human Resources Managers — a significant leadership role and honor.

With all that said, know that Katie is more than an HR professional, she's an impact player and key leader who is committed to making a difference in our community. Some would call her a *real up-and-comer*. As someone who knows her quite well, I'd say she's more than an up-and-comer, she is someone who's HERE and already making a difference.

I hope you agree she is most worthy of being recognized and will choose her as a member for the next Forty U 40 class.

Sincerely,

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