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*Business Record Forty Under 40 Nomination*

Dear Friends of the Business Record,

I am writing this letter to nominate Katie Gallo for the 2018 Forty Under 40. The Business Record has had great success in finding the best of the best each year for this honor, and I truly believe that Katie Gallo would be a perfect addition.

Katie and I have spent the last four years in the same networking group and I have had the privilege to get to know her both professionally and also as friends. Over the years I have seen her grow from a talented young attorney to a true up-and-coming leader. I continue to be impressed and inspired by the support she shows for her clients, colleagues, friends and community. She is focused, determined, and has a kindness and enthusiasm which allow her to accomplish everything that she sets out to achieve.

Communities grow stronger when individuals like Katie work together, connect with others, build trust and get involved. Katie works every day to find ways to better the lives of her clients and friends through collaboration and resourcefulness. Even at her young age, she has already accomplished and proven so much. I’m sure that you are aware of these many accomplishments in this nomination, but I think most notable is her involvement with Dorothy’s House as Board Member, the Regional Child Protection Center Steering Committee for Blank Children’s Hospital and the time she spends volunteering for Make-A-Wish Iowa.

If Katie were not chosen for the 2018 Forty Under 40, I know that she would still continue to show all the admirable qualities that I’ve written about in this letter - and Des Moines will be a better place because of it. However, I think that honoring her for her contributions to our community, and the many lives that she touches, is something that is both fitting and well deserved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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