Dear Business Record 40 Under 40 Review Committee,

Rarely do you have the opportunity to work with someone who’s passion for their community and organization is so infectious it inspires those around him to follow, but that’s been my experience with Tyler Wyngarden. As the president of the Technology Association of Iowa, I am pleased to recommend him for the Des Moines Business Record Forty Under 40 class of 2019. With his exceptional leadership abilities and clear love for Des Moines, he is an outstanding choice.

Tyler and I met more than six years ago when he joined the Iowa Economic Development Authority. I quickly learned that in addition to being an inclusive, creative and fun-loving leader. His attention to detail and desire to always be better would mean great things in his future. When I had the opportunity to hire him at TAI, I knew he would help transform our organizations culture and challenge every employee to pursue excellence in both their professional and personal lives.

Professionally, his outreach efforts have significantly grown and strengthened a statewide network of technology professionals and community stakeholders to make sure the state he loves is prepared to lead for the next generation.

Tyler’s professional track is just one aspect of his passion and commitment to Iowa. Tyler also gives of his personal time and talent to contribute to his community. Current involvement includes volunteering on the Des Moines Music Collation Development Committee. This group is responsible for securing the funding for the 80/35 music festival and all DMMC music education programs in Des Moines. He also serves as a Board Member for Children’s Garden, the only Non-Profit daycare in the state of Iowa. He loves gardening, is a unabashed supporter of local music and artists, and thrives on bringing together individuals from different backgrounds and industries to make his community better.

Tyler’s character, humility, team mentality and positive attitude have influenced my life and the lives of many others. He exemplifies everything Des Moines wants in leaders for our region. He works hard but joyfully. Understands that his achievements are shared with the people around him and is a true servant leader. Tyler does not seek this honor lightly but is more than worthy of the recognition. He often says, “You can build whatever you want in Des Moines” I cannot wait to see what he builds in the future. I urge the committee to select Tyler for this year 40 Forty Under 40 class.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Waller  
President, Technology Association of Iowa