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Mr. Jason Swanson
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Dear Forty Under 40 Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate Joe Murphy as a Business Record Forty Under 40 honoree.

Joe has been instrumental in advancing priorities at the state level that benefit Des Moines and the surrounding region. In 2018, he worked with the Iowa Legislature and Governor to help advance a comprehensive income tax reform bill, the Future Ready Iowa Act and an important water quality bill. These are among many of the legislative accomplishments he has worked on. Prior to his time at The Partnership, Joe helped secure appropriation increases for Iowa State University's general fund and helped secure legislative funding for many university projects. What has impressed me so much about Joe is his ability to work with so many different groups of people so effectively. Often, these groups are on different sides of an issue. He is able to help everyone work across the aisle and get the work done that helps Des Moines and all of Iowa grow.

In addition to his professional career, Joe is heavily involved in the community. Through his work with the Blank Children's Hospital Board and as the chairman of the March of Dimes' March for Babies walk, he has tirelessly worked on issues surrounding the health of premature babies and their mothers. Joe serves on the West Des Moines Public Library Board of Trustees, United Way of Central Iowa Public Policy Cabinet and on the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association Board. He is also a recognized leader in his field, serving roles with the Iowa chamber Alliance, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Joe gets things done, and he helps others work together to get things done. He is highly deserving to be honored as a Forty Under 40 recipient. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Hensley
Retired City Council Member