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Dear Forty Under 40 Committee:

It is my honor to provide this letter of support for Matthew Romkey for this year's class of Forty Under 40. Matt is a professional and community leader who understands strategy, collaboration, and new ways of convening stakeholders together to make an impact on our community and the students he serves in his role at the Mercy College of Health Sciences.

An Iowa native and graduate of Loras College, Matt has spent his early professional career in philanthropy and marketing serving the Children's Miracle Network in Sioux City, Iowa; Royal Oak, Michigan; and Gainesville, Florida, raising over \$20 million to impact children and their families. He has brought his national experience back to Iowa and our Des Moines community.

Matt Romkey currently serves as the Vice President for Enrollment and External Engagement for Mercy College of Health Sciences. He is an engaging and emerging leader in our community. Since returning to Des Moines, Matt has immersed himself in the community serving as a board member on the Workforce and Talent Development Board of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, an ambassador for the Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce, and a member of Rotary Club of Des Moines.

As a member of the 2005 Class of Forty Under 40, it is my distinct privilege to provide a letter of support for Matt Romkey for selection in the 2019 Class of Forty Under 40. I work closely with him on leading philanthropy for Mercy College and know he is most deserving of this honor and will uphold the rich history and ongoing legacy of Forty Under 40.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Bindel, Sr. Director of Development
Mercy Foundation