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Forty Under Forty
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The Depot at Fourth
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Forty Under 40 Committee:

It is my honor to submit this letter in support of Chris Thelen's nomination for the 2015 Forty Under 40 class.

Chris and I recently met and he has already made an impact on me by his desire to help make the Greater Des Moines Community a better place.

He left Iowa after college to pursue a career in Insurance sales. He returned to Des Moines many years later after "realizing that this was the place he wanted to raise and family." I couldn't agree more.

He immediately got involved with Make-A-Wish and was able to help their annual opening weekend, Tour de Lights, raise over \$30,000, more than \$10,000 than the previous year. The money raised was put to good use and granted a little girl's wish to be a superhero for the weekend.

Chris' involvement with the community, coupled with his professional success, makes him an excellent candidate for the 2015 Forty Under 40 class.

Sincerely,

Danny Beyer
2014 Forty Under 40 Recipient