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Emerging Women of Influence
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Greetings!

I was asked to write a letter of recommendation for Lauren Burt to accompany her nomination for the 2017 Emerging Women of Influence award, and I am so honored to have this opportunity. Without a doubt, Lauren meets all the requirements for this nomination (and then some).

Lauren and I first crossed paths professionally, so I can attest to her professionalism, achievements, and incredible work ethic. But, most impressive over the years I've known Lauren is how she conducts herself with the same grace and class when it's not work-related. I've never seen her without a smile, a compliment, and an inherent drive to be a positive influence in whatever she's taking on. Even as she's interacted with my young daughter over the years, Lauren always has a wonderful and impactful way of being a role model to her – and that has meant the world to me.

There are few people in this community who love Des Moines as much as Lauren. While she travels the globe, Des Moines is always home base for her and she truly makes it a better place through her involvement, support, and overall dedication to central Iowa.

We are so lucky to have Lauren as such an integral part of Des Moines' success, and recognizing her with the Woman of Influence award would be a lovely acknowledgement for such a talented professional doing a world of good in our community.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kind regards,

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