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To whom it may concern:

It is my privilege to submit this letter of recommendation in support of Lauren Burt for the 2017 Meredith Emerging Woman of Influence Award.

Lauren and I first connected during her time with Governor Culver's office, and I was immediately impressed by her demeanor, professionalism and knowledge - all at such a young age. I learned over time that Lauren was a self-starter, and extremely motivated to be involved and be a leader.

Lauren continued to impress me as she quickly moved up the ladder of life, and navigated her way in a determined fashion to ensure she was challenging herself and growing in her career, be it at The Integer Group, the Greater Des Moines Partnership or Meredith Corporation.

And now, Lauren has truly amazed all of us as she stepped into a newly created role for a worldwide company, handling communications for Kemin Industries.

As you review nominees for this award, I strongly encourage you to consider Lauren Burt.  She is an exceptional person, well-accomplished beyond her years, and I know she will continue to have a bright future.

Sincerely,

Mary Cownie