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Dear Award Panel:

It is with great pleasure that I write to recommend Ashley Aust for the Meredith Emerging Woman of influence Award. Ashley has proven herself professional and competent throughout her career, handling increasing responsibilities that have led to her development as a leader and promoter of positive change for the organizations she serves. She now serves on the Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors with me, indicating her commitment not just to her profession and community, but also to the State of Iowa. As a younger member of the IFA Board of Directors, Ashley has shown herself extremely competent and maybe most importantly, engaged and thoughtful. As a previous Business Record 40 under 40 award recipient, her talents at a young age have been recognized, however, I believe her talents continue to grow as evidenced by her commitment to volunteer and civic service leadership roles. Ashley is certainly a "quick study" and willing to take on roles where her talents can positively impact the lives of others and improve her community. I am excited to see young leadership emerging in our metropolitan area and state, and Ashley's immense potential is evident to all who work and serve with her.

Thank you for considering Ashley Aust for this honor.

Sincerely

Ruth Randleman Former Mayor City of Carlisle 2016 Woman of Influence Award Recipient

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