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To Whom It May Concern:

By way of introduction, my name is LeAnne Krell. I am Assistant General Counsel at Casey's General Stores. I also serve as the first elected female Presbyter of the Iowa Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, and serve on several boards and committees throughout my community including chairing the Board of Adjustment in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, and serving on the initial board of the Des Moines Dream Center. It is with great pleasure that I nominate Kasey Johnson Steen for the Emerging Woman of Influence Award.

I have known Kasey for several years and in that time I have had the honor of working with her in the professional arena and the privilege of getting to know her personally. It has often been said that true integrity shows most during times of crisis. Kasey is a woman of tremendous influence and integrity.

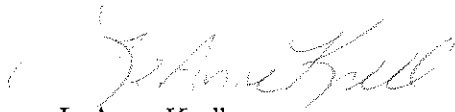
Kasey is the mother of two precious boys, Ryker and Maverick. Ryker was born with a very rare genetic disorder known as Joubert Syndrome. Kasey and her husband, Adam, were told shortly after Ryker's birth that the prognosis was grim. There was a real possibility that Ryker may never walk or talk. Despite those dire forecasts for Ryker's future, Kasey was determined to help Ryker to accomplish all he was able to accomplish. Kasey worked tirelessly with Ryker's medical team to become informed with regard to treatments and therapies that could help Ryker. During this time Kasey also began to reach out and support other parents of children with unique needs. Kasey has served as a source of support and encouragement for countless families trying to maneuver through the challenges of raising children with unique needs. During these challenging times Kasey started a blog that has served as a source of influence and encouragement to both men and women facing challenges in life. Her posts are often thought provoking, heartwarming and challenging. Kasey has a strong foundation of faith and relies on that faith deeply. Through all the challenges that life has brought to Kasey and her family she has consistently faced them with integrity and a smile. Kasey and Adam are actively involved in their church, as well as in community events and are seen as leaders in the various communities in which they participate.

On a professional level Kasey is an attorney, having recently been promoted to Vice President of Operations and General Counsel at Coldwell Banker Mid-America Group. Kasey is well respected in the Real Estate and Legal communities and provides exceptional guidance and support to the agents and employees at Coldwell Banker. Her ability to balance the demands of her professional position and those of her family are laudable.

Kasey is a rising star within our community and will no doubt be a highly recognized example of leadership, integrity, professionalism and work ethic. She has a knowledge and intellect that not only advances her company, but serves to challenge and improve the people and co-workers around her. Kasey Johnson Steen exemplifies the characteristics of being an Emerging Woman of Influence.

Thank you and I hope you strongly consider Kasey for this prestigious award.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "LeAnne Krell".

LeAnne Krell