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January 24, 2019

The Honorable Mayor John Haila
City of Ames
515 Clark Ave.
Ames, IA 50010

RE: Symposium on Building Inclusive Organizations

Mayor Haila,

I want to thank you, the Ames City Council, and the Ames Human Relations Commission for your support of the inaugural Symposium on Building Inclusive Organizations. The October 2018 event was a major success with 250 community members in attendance.

The overwhelmingly positive response to our first attempt at such an event has given us a clear directive to begin the planning for the second annual Symposium. The 2019 event will be held Tuesday, October 29th of this year. I write to you respectfully seeking your partnership, once again.

Diversity and inclusivity are paramount to the success of our residents, businesses, and community so as our planning process moves forward, I request your continued partnership with a \$5000 sponsorship to support this endeavor. The Ames Chamber of Commerce will once again be financially supporting this event and a similar request is being made to Iowa State University, along with other local partners.

Our board of directors understands that making our community more diverse and inclusive is of utmost importance, and an ongoing process, with the Symposium being one way to educate and raise awareness in our community.

Thank you again for your support in 2018. I appreciate your anticipated consideration of this request for 2019 and we look forward to a great event in October!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel A. Culhane'.

Daniel A. Culhane, CEcD, CCE
President & CEO
Ames Chamber of Commerce

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