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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to commend Abigail Goldman as an outstanding candidate for an editorial internship. Goldman served as an intern at Isthmus, Wisconsin's largest weekly newspaper, in the summer of 1990. During that time she wrote several articles for the paper's local news section and produced a major report on insurance-claim denials that ran as a cover story in late August.

As Goldman's editor, I can attest to her high level of ability and energy. The stories she was assigned to do were complex, requiring a lot of background work and scrupulous attention to detail. Goldman dug in and did a great job. I was impressed by her tenacity and thoroughness.

She also has strong writing skills, and accepts direction well.

I try to structure my internship so that writers are challenged. I want them to have as much opportunity as possible to learn and grow. Goldman accepted these challenges well; she seemed to learn an awful lot without my having to spend a lot of time making the same points. That suggests to me that she would also do well in another internship program that seeks to present young writers with real opportunities and challenges. I hope you consider her application favorably.

Best.

Bill Lueders News Editor