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Association of Health Care Journalists
Missouri School of Journalism
10 Neff Hall
Columbia, MO 65211

Dear National Science-Health-Environment Reporting Fellowship Committee:

I enthusiastically recommend KOSU Water Reporter Graycen Wheeler for the 2022 fellowship. I fully support her commitment to learning and improving her reporting skills through this opportunity.

Graycen's beat and work are a new venture for KOSU and would uniquely benefit from the trainings listed. Through her reporting, she is charged with reporting on Oklahoma's access to water and water quality as a social determinant of health.

She has a wealth of science knowledge through her education and is working to parlay that into useful information for Oklahomans. In the few months she has worked with us as a Report for America corps member, she has identified an unreported but significant oil spill that is leaking into ground water and how the cost of municipal repair projects has risen while state officials have been slow to disburse funds from the American Rescue Plan.

I understand that this fellowship is a significant time commitment, but I believe KOSU and Oklahomans listening to and reading Graycen's reporting will benefit from this professional development and the networking she will do with other reporters.

If I can provide more information about Graycen's qualifications or KOSU's support of her participating in this fellowship, please let me know. I can be reached at rachel@kosu.org and 405-742-4100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachel Hubbard'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Rachel' and last name 'Hubbard' clearly legible.

Rachel Hubbard
KOSU Executive Director