



January 7, 2020

Meghan Nelson  
Office of the Chief Clerk, Iowa House of Representatives  
1007 E. Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Chief Clerk Nelson,

Attached please find my application for press credentials in the Iowa House of Representatives for the 88<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

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Yours,

Laura Belin