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Scripps Howard Foundation
Attn: Fellowship selection committee

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Dear Scripps Howard Foundation fellowship program selection committee members,

Adrian D. Garcia would be a fantastic choice for this year's investigative reporting fellowship. Adrian worked for the Coloradoan from May 2014 to April 2016, first as an intern and later in positions covering local government and issues of growth and data.

During his time at the Coloradoan, Adrian produced numerous pieces of journalism that connected the dots for readers on issues associated with Northern Colorado's increasingly urbanized landscape. He showed that he was equally capable in covering the ins and outs of city government and producing engaging, regional enterprise around ideas that don't show up on city council meeting agendas.

As Adrian's direct manager, I found him to be a whip-smart, eager learner who contributed greatly to the digital-first culture that the Coloradoan has worked hard to create. Adrian leveraged his experience at the Coloradoan into a job as one of the original reporters to join Denverite, an online-only news organization in the Denver Metropolitan Area. There, Adrian has led business coverage in a rapidly growing area that is the driver of Colorado's celebrated economy.

Adrian is a 2014 University of Colorado Boulder graduate who is defining his path as a journalist. I feel that his mix of education, professional experience and high potential make him an ideal candidate for this fellowship opportunity.

Given this opportunity, it is my strong belief that Adrian will flourish and become a leader in our industry's continued digital transformation. Please help Adrian continue to pursue his passion for telling powerful stories by selecting him for this important fellowship program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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