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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of Nic DeCaire's nomination for the 2019 SBCA Humanitarian of the Year award. Nic is an outstanding young man who, over the past decade, has used his entrepreneurial skills and passion for the community to transform his small business, Fusion Fitness, into a philanthropic partner for law enforcement and numerous local charities.

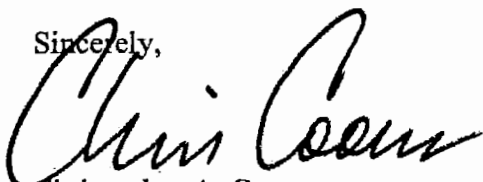
Nic is an ardent humanitarian. He has continuously devoted himself and his business to the ideals of selflessness, community service, and equality. In his leadership, Nic consistently takes a hands-on approach and goes far beyond mere fundraising and sponsorship.

After opening Fusion Fitness in 2006, for example, Nic quickly partnered with the Newark Police Department to support its newly established K9 division. Fusion Fitness brought police and community together by creating and sponsoring the "Main Street Mile," which included a foot race down Main Street and a years-long fundraising effort. In 2009, Fusion Fitness founded a second annual event to support the K9 program, which has since expanded to support several local charities. To date, Nic's events have raised over \$250,000 for Newark's Police K9 Unit and—this year alone—raised more than \$15,000 for local charities, nearly doubling last year's total.

With steadfast commitment to inclusivity and dedication to community, Nic also co-founded Delaware's first ever wheelchair accessible and adaptable playground, Preston's Playground. Nic personally volunteered alongside Fusion Fitness members to build and prepare equipment for what is now the state's largest such facility. He then went on to help organize the "Inclusion Means Everyone 5K" in Newark to raise awareness for individuals with a severe illness or disability.

Nic's high level of involvement and dedication to selfless service has proven him to be a civic-minded leader and an asset to the community. I am pleased to offer my endorsement and full support to Nic DeCaire in his nomination to be named the 2019 SBCA Humanitarian of the Year.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons  
United States Senator