

To: The Awards Committee, Michigan Association of Public Broadcasters.

Re: Cynthia Canty/Nomination for the Public Media Impact Award

April 17, 2020

To whom it may concern:

In a few words, Cynthia Canty is an outstanding broadcaster and deserves every possible accolade and award we can give her. She is, quite simply, the best at what she does.

As a native-born Detroit, I have enjoyed Cynthia Canty's superb journalism and incredible command of the culture, politics, and pressing issues of the Metro Detroit area, Michigan, and beyond for nearly 40 years.

Over the past seven years, I had the honor of getting to know this incredible journalist and broadcaster personally as a regular monthly contributor for her award-winning show *Stateside* on WUOM. As a guest, I was always impressed by her deep preparation for each interview, her hard work in getting her guests to speak, and speak well, on the radio, her warmth, her curiosity about so many topics, and overall excellence.

Every episode of *Stateside* informed and entertained Michiganders because of Cyndi's hard work and knowledge. She has covered virtually every aspect of our state and was such a pleasure to work with. Members of the Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan communities uniformly said to themselves and others that we all had one more class to attend each day at 3 pm—*Stateside*. It was required listening for those wanting to learn about what was going on in our state—from festivals and cultural events to the politics in Lansing, Detroit, and Grand Rapids—to name a few hot zones-- and the horrible water poisoning in Flint, Michigan. Polite, civil, and diplomatic yet dogged in her search for the truth, Cyndi always got the best interviews out of her guests. All of her listeners were the wiser because of the excellence in her work.

I recommend Cynthia Canty for this award without reservations and can think of no other broadcaster in our state who deserves it more. Please feel free to contact me with any questions but be prepared for a long conversation glowing with praise and respect for this wonderful journalist and broadcaster.

Sincerely,



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