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Quality is more than a name

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is truly an honor and privilege to write a letter endorsing Cox Fire Protection for the Tampa Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award. Cox Fire Protection is committed to what I believe is a very noble business--the business of protecting lives and property.

Quality Fabrication & Supply has been a primary supplier to Cox Fire Protection for over twenty-five years and I want to tell you a little about Ron and Linda Cox and their support for both the industry they love and the community they have called home for their entire lives.

Ron is an extremely respected leader in the fire protection community. He has served in various leadership roles with the Florida chapter of the American Fire Sprinkler Association, including past President. Ron is the immediate past Chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors Gulf Coast Chapter, which speaks volumes about the respect the entire Tampa Bay area construction industry has for Ron.

Ron and Linda Cox have given to our industry and their community in so many ways. When the Mischke family of Pinellas Park lost their home to a tragic fire on New Year's Day 2011, they reached out to the Mischke family and donated a residential fire protection system for their new home so they would never have to fear losing their home to a fire ever again. After the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Ron, Linda and their sons, Scott and Chris, made numerous trips for the Helping Hands In Motion charity. They helped rebuild homes and an orphanage, in addition to helping provide something as basic as clean drinking water, something we mostly take for granted. The Cox family supports the United Way, the Bay Area Hospice and the Redlands Christian Migrant Center. They are lifetime members of the Oak Grove Church of God and are active in the Volunteer Ministry and Children's Church.

Fire protection systems installed and maintained by Cox Fire Protection protect lives and property in schools where our children learn, in hospitals where we stay, and in churches where we worship—these are truly wonderful contributions to the world we live in.

The legacy of leadership in the fire protection industry and the Tampa Bay area is continuing-Ron and Linda's son Scott, has a leadership role in the family business and is a recent graduate of Leadership Tampa.

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The entire Cox family are avid supporters of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Tampa Bay Rays and the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Our companies have done hundreds of jobs together and there is no one in our industry that has more integrity and dedication to mutual success than Cox Fire Protection.

We will forever be grateful to Ron and Linda for their support of our company, but more importantly the friendship we have enjoyed for nearly thirty years.

People like Ron and Linda Cox and their company, Cox Fire Protection, make the world a better place.

Respectfully,

David G. Capalino

Senior Vice President-General Manager

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