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To Pulliam Fellowship Award Committee:

David Swanson is applying to you for consideration for the Pulliam Editorial Writing Fellowship. He requested a letter of recommendation and endorsement from me, which is my privilege to write. I do so from the standpoint of Founding Director of PeaceVoice, an editorial distribution service for small and mid-sized newspapers in the United States. We handle writers with arguments for positive peace—peace and justice by peaceable means.

Mr. Swanson has written a number of editorials which we've selected for national distribution and his placements—that is, the number of outlets which accept any given piece—outpace all other op-ed writers in our group. His reasoned call for peace, for alternatives to war, for protection of civil liberties, and for justice are persuasive. His practice and his development deserve strong support.

Journalism that reflects independence, that harnesses the original best values and best newly evolved values in our country, is what we look for and, I would expect, is what you seek to support as well. Thank you for considering David Swanson for this prestigious fellowship.

Truly,

  
Tom H. Hastings