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To the members of the SESAUA:

It is with great pleasure and personal admiration that I am writing to express my strong support of Tom Stringer as the SES nominee for the position of AUA President-Elect starting in 2020.

I have known Tom for over 25 years and he has served as a role model for myself and numerous other urologists in the region. He has been involved in all aspects of urology, from running a successful private practice to leading a busy academic program as Interim-Chairman, as well as numerous leadership roles in Urology at the local, regional and national levels, including the Florida Urological Society, the SESAUA and the AUA Board of Directors.

His wealth of experience enables him to bring together a unique perspective regarding the everchanging needs and challenges of our specialty's diverse clinical practice patterns, as well as the many complex private, academic, educational and residency training issues we face, that will certainly benefit every member of the AUA.

Our Section is fortunate to have two outstanding members who wish to be considered for this office. While I certainly respect and admire both of these candidates, I personally feel that Tom Stringer is the ideal candidate to lead us in the coming years as President of the AUA. Tom has clearly demonstrated the ability to work effectively for the good of our profession at every level and his record clearly shows his deep commitment through action and engagement in the areas of clinical practice, policy, leadership and education. Tom is the only candidate with multiple years of experience on the AUA Board of Directors which is a vital requisite for an AUA President. He clearly understands the internal workings of the AUA and is prepared to lead from day one.

On a personal level, Tom is always a pleasure to work with and is always engaged, respectful and fair. I feel that one of Tom's best attributes is his ability to really listen to others' views and his willingness to work together to achieve an outcome that benefits all, a true measure of 'leadership'.

Tom Stringer clearly possesses the energy, passion, experience and commitment to provide the leadership the AUA needs at this time. Please join with me in voting on-line for Tom Stringer in December 2018.

Respectfully,

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