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To the Members of the Southeast Section:

While I am not a member of the SE Section, I write this letter in enthusiastic support for Tom Stringer to be President of the AUA out of recognition of the importance of our organization in times of change and uncertainty. Having served on the AUA Board of Directors with Tom, I have seen his abilities and his passion for urology and for the AUA. I was also able to see how the position of the Presidency influences the direction, choices, and values of our organization.

Tom is truly unique in his ability to understand the challenging issues we face from clinical, policy, and organizational perspectives. Many in the AUA are experts in these fields, but Tom grasps them all and their important interrelationships uniquely well. His record clearly shows his deep commitment through action and engagement in the areas of clinical practice, policy, leadership and education. His background in private practice as well as in academic urology is another of his distinctive experiences that provide him with a very unique ability to understand the complementary needs and challenges of our specialty's diverse practice patterns.

There is no need to list his activities and service here, as they are included in the site. What is not included is perhaps Tom's greatest strength that ties his other special abilities together: his sense of humor and his fairness. He is a pleasure to work with and provides leadership through engagement and respect for all. He values all members' contributions and integrates that input fairly and effectively. And he seems to do this effortlessly and always with a smile.

I cannot vote for Tom but having worked with the AUA for over 28 years and with Tom for the last 4 years, I cannot think of a better future AUA President than Tom Stringer.

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