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To all the voting members of the Southeastern Section of the AUA,

The position of President of the AUA is more than a ceremonial rank. The post is extremely important for the future of our profession and must be revered, respected, and valued. It is a position of great responsibility and the person who is chosen must have the ear of his peers and no secondary agendas. The AUA Presidency is earned based upon experience and prior outstanding leadership not merely awarded for years of service. It is not a popularity contest and the person chosen should be elected based upon qualifications that extend beyond political and regional lines. The person who fulfills this position speaks for all Urologists when it comes to a political voice, oversight, international representation, education, advocacy, and is the public face of our profession.

This year we have two very qualified applicants, Dr. Raju Thomas and Dr. Tom Stringer. I have been friends with both of them for over 2 decades and have had the honor of serving with both of them while I was on the Executive committee for the Southeastern Section of AUA, in addition to many other occasions. Despite my fondness and respect for Dr. Thomas when it comes to the upcoming election for AUA President chosen by membership from SESAUA, I must give my full support to Dr. Stringer.

Tom has mentored me in many and varied aspects of Urology during my career. He has profoundly enabled me to see the "Big Picture"; not only the role of Private practitioners and Academics in Urology but more importantly the practical integration of all of us working towards one goal, as well as the political aspects of our field. He has taught me the importance of advocacy, diplomacy and the importance of inclusiveness. He has worked as a private practitioner, practice manager, academic, and interim department chair. Tom's resume does not need to be repeated here as many of my colleagues have already elaborated on his vast and varied experiences. I believe that Tom Stringer is the best candidate this year and will join a long list of outstanding Presidents to come out of the Southeastern Section. I hope that you will support his candidacy during this year's election. Most importantly, I ask you all to VOTE and make your voice count.

A bad or thoughtless election can have lasting implications well beyond the present tenure and therefore, the voting process must be respected.



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I ask that you participate in this democratic process during December and January and
Vote on-line for Tom Stringer for AUA president elect during this years suffrage!

Kindest regards,

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