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Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049

Dear GCSAA / To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to submit this letter of support for Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS, for his nomination for Director.

Ryan is located at Westminster National Golf Course (Westminster, MD). I have known Ryan for several years as a leader among golf course industry professionals in the Mid-Atlantic USA region. Specifically, I also have worked with Ryan through participation in the First Green program at his golf course. As a college professor, I would like to see more students enrolled in our turfgrass science programs of study. The turfgrass industry offers many opportunities for a meaningful and successful career for our young people. I am always impressed with how Ryan coordinates, conducts, and implements those First Green events. His enthusiasm and sincere interest in helping the students and teachers to learn about the golf course is contagious to those around him. I have witnessed how he seamlessly engages with the community, and his TV news interviews are certainly a positive reflection on the golf course superintendent. In his role as Director, no doubt Ryan will share his passion and success with the First Green program, and with his approach of communicating environmental stewardship, with the national GCSAA audience and membership.

Everyone who meets Ryan can agree that he is a genuine and nice person, and he always gives his time to help anyone who asks and to help make the golf course turfgrass practitioner a better professional. Ryan is a true advocate for the golf course superintendent and for the profession.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Ryan Kraushofer for your consideration for Director.

Sincerely,

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