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To whom it may concern:

University Area Joint Authority is delighted to support the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SCCTU) application for Trout Unlimited's Gold Trout Chapter Award.

UAJA is a sewer authority that manages the wastewater flows from five municipalities of the Centre Region and portions of the Pennsylvania State University. The highly treated wastewater is used to augment the flows of Spring Creek and its tributaries. UAJA and SCCTU have a long history together protecting and improving Spring Creek and its tributaries. Most recently, we partnered on the Backyard Makeover project, during which SCCTU demonstrated their ability to manage a project involving property owners, vendors, institutions, and non-profit organizations. UAJA's commitment to the project was made easy by the nearly seamless coordination of the work by SCCTU.

SCCTU's education programs have done wonders for getting people in the region to get in touch with the streams. Bringing the trout into the classrooms and the YMCA is simply brilliant. I am frequently at the YMCA, and I often see children and families watching the fish and reading the literature while they are waiting for activities or a ride home.

The most effective demonstration of the results of SCCTU's is the health of the local streams. Slab Cabin Run, a tributary to Spring Creek, has many SCCTU projects and partnerships along its course. There are many reaches of the stream that are impaired. In the past several years, the Trout population has grown significantly, and the overall health of the stream has improved to the point where the PA Fish and Boat Commission has designated Slab Cabin Run as a Class A Trout Stream. SCCTU's efforts are a big part of this.

UAJA considers SCCTU to be one of our most important partners in our pursuit of our mission of reusing water to improve the environment, economy and quality of life in the Centre Region. We believe that SCCTU deserves the Gold Trout Chapter Award.

Sincerely,

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