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Dear Board Members,

My name is Andrew Couture, and I am a Program Manger with Orange County Parks & Recreation. I oversee the Turf Management for the departments 27 sites with Bermuda athletic fields. This includes fertilization, weed management, pest management, irrigation repair and install, cultural practices, sod installation and building of new athletic fields.

I hope to use the conference to increase my knowledge of in many areas, from pest identification and management, weed identification and management, cultural practices, irrigation and watering techniques and advancements, drainage, ways to help manage turf wear and over-play, advances in equipment and technology.

I would bring this information back to Orange County and use it to help not only educate my maintenance staff, but also educate the actual site supervisors on ways to help manage the Bermuda grass fields. I would also hold training sessions or send out educational information to our front-line staff on how to help manage our fields with what to look for, how to treat and why things are done to help maintain safe and playable fields.

Thank Yu,

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