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Dear Matt:

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments as a member of FIRST Robotics Team 245, the Adambots. Indeed, I am aware of the FIRST Robotics program and have been a strong supporter of the students in my district who participate in FIRST. As a resident of the area, I take particular pride in the accomplishments of the students in our community. Your hard work and dedication is commendable.

FIRST Robotics has seen significant growth in Michigan in recent years. FIRST participants are exactly the kind of young adults needed to move Michigan in the direction of competitive technology-based industry and lead our state in growth and prosperity.

FIRST Robotics teams have grown by nine percent over the past year with a total statewide membership of nearly 4,300 students. The 2007 FIRST Championship is sure to bring new challenges and many rewards. Michigan has produced the international championship team for the past five consecutive years and I am certain that one of Michigan's teams will bring about more enviable titles. I share in the excitement of all Michigan's FIRST participants and I look forward to the competition results in April.

Best wishes as you continue in your endeavor towards technology education and advancement. I personally look forward to your continued efforts and I appreciate your time and dedication to the FIRST Robotics program. If I may ever be of service, please do not hesitate to call upon me. In the meantime, my continuing best regards.

Sincerely,

Hechsel D. Bishop
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