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Dear Potential Patron:

We are writing to you on behalf of Granby Grunts Robotics Team #3146. We are seeking sponsorship for the Granby High School Robotics team as a part of the *FIRST*[®] program. *FIRST*[®] is a robotics competition founded by inventor Dean Kamen. *FIRST*[®], “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology,” is an international phenomenon, which pairs high schools with corporate engineering sponsors to build a robot which will compete in a sport-like event. The goal of the *FIRST*[®] program is to give students hands-on experience working with real engineers, so that engineers and scientists are seen as role models in the same way as professional athletes. The Granby Grunts Robotics program began in 2009. By 2015, our team won both the CT State and Pioneer Valley Championships, placed 11th at the New England District Championship, and finished in the top 1% of the world at the 2015 International Competition in St. Louis, MO. The Championship competition is broadcast in its entirety on ESPN and often covered by ABC, CNN, 60 Minutes, and similar shows.

This year, we will provide 30 team members with the opportunity to travel throughout Connecticut and New Hampshire with the goal of returning to St. Louis, MO for the 2017 International Competition. Our team needs to raise more than twenty thousand dollars to achieve this goal.

Support of our team provides students with the chance to learn and develop new talents. Although the robotics program is based on engineering and design, there are additional skills reinforced through the program such as leadership, business planning, public speaking, coaching, and communications. Empowered with these skills, students are well positioned to be the next leaders in our community and beyond.

Donations of any size are greatly appreciated. We are offering several benefits for corporate sponsorship. Please see the attached Sponsorship Form. Let us know if you plan on attending any of our competitions. All sponsors are invited for a VIP tour, including lunch and seats with the team.

The Granby Grunts Robotics Team is an educational, non-profit organization founded through FIRST and the Granby Public Schools, and as such all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you, once again, for your consideration and we look forward to your patronage!

Granby Grunts Robotics