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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Mr. Rao Kondapalli
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Dear Rao,

It is a pleasure to join the students, faculty, and staff of Kealing Middle School in congratulating your team on placing 19th in middle school division B of the 2019 Science Olympiad National Tournament! This ranking shows how hard your students worked to excel on a national level in not only the sciences but in how you collaborate as a team. Congratulations on this great achievement!

At the heart of every scientist is the courage to ask the questions “How?” and “Why?” - questions that can change the world when pursued with passion, perseverance, and integrity. The ability to take the answers to these questions and apply them to all aspects of one’s life means there is great hope for the future in each field of scientific study. Through their studies and pursuits in the sciences, your team is part of this thrilling process and part of keeping America on the cutting edge of scientific discovery, analysis, and application. They truly deserve the praises they have received.

As your students continue their studies and engage with their fellow scientists, I wish them every success. I look forward to celebrating more of their achievements as their work to turn your questions into action for the benefit of our world and Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ted Cruz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ted Cruz
United States Senator