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Science Olympiad Participants  
Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO 80523

Dear Participants,

Congratulations on qualifying for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament and welcome to the beautiful state of Colorado! This honor reflects your exceptional commitment to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

While visiting Colorado, I hope you are able to witness the vibrant STEM resources housed within our great state. Whether the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), National Science Foundation (NSF), or aerospace development, Colorado is at the forefront of the American entrepreneurial spirit and forward-thinking innovation.

As a United States Senator, I was proud to author the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act, which was signed into law in January 2017. This legislation prioritizes scientific research, works to reduce regulatory burdens, and expands STEM opportunities for underrepresented students. Scientific researchers provide immeasurable benefit with their awe-inspiring commitment to discovery. Scholars like you will sustain that momentum in the future and find the answers to questions that have not yet been asked.

I encourage you to keep dreaming big and I hope you are able to enjoy your time in Colorado and gain new appreciation for what your contribution to science means. Best of luck in the competition!

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner

United States Senator