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Governor Tim Walz
Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

I am writing to express my strong support for Northwest Metro Robotics and their application to represent the State of Minnesota at the Governor's Cup in Washington, D.C. This outstanding team exemplifies the spirit of innovation, teamwork, and academic excellence that defines our state's commitment to STEM education and youth development.

Northwest Metro Robotics has been a model of sustained excellence and community engagement. Since 2015, at least one of their teams has qualified for an international competition each year. This record demonstrates technical skills, leadership, perseverance, and collaboration. Last year, four of their teams advanced to the Minnesota State Championship, and their comprehensive K-12 robotics program continues to expand, reaching more students across our region each year.

Their flagship team, the Gear Wizards, achieved exceptional success this past year earning:

- 1st Place Inspire Award and 1st Place Robot Alliance Champion at the Prior Lake Qualifier
- 3rd Place Inspire Award at the Minnesota State Competition
- Recognition as a Division Finalist Alliance at the first World Championship making them among the top-performing teams in the world

These accomplishments highlight the talent of the students and the dedication of their mentors, educators, and families. Northwest Robotics is cultivating the next generation of Minnesota's engineers, innovators, and problem solvers who will drive our state's economic and technological future.

Please support their selection for the Governor's Cup. Their participation would be an excellent opportunity to showcase Minnesota's leadership in STEM education on the national stage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Novotny".

Representative Paul Novotny
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