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US Customs and Border Protection
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Dear US Customs Agent,

The students and mentors from before you now have with them an underwater robot, also known as a remotely operated vehicle or ROV, which they have designed and built in preparation for the 19th Annual MATE International ROV Competition. The competition is taking place August 5-7, 2021 at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tennessee. Teams from around the world, including the U.S., are participating.

The underwater robot and associated equipment are entering the U.S. on a temporary basis for this event; they are not intended for commercial sale. It was designed and built by the students following the specifications and rules outlined within the MATE competition manuals, which can be found here: <https://materovcompetition.org/explorerspecs>. When they have finished competing, the students and their ROV will return to their home country.

Thank you for your kind attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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