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To Whom It May Concern:

**Please handle this student-built ROBOT with care.**

The team of students has worked very hard over the course of the last few months to build and program their robot to earn the opportunity to attend the *FIRST* Tech Challenge **World Championship** in **St. Louis, Missouri at Union Station from April 26 through April 29, 2017**. It would be quite heartbreaking to find their robot was broken or otherwise destroyed when they arrive at the event.

*FIRST*® Tech Challenge a program founded by *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a worldwide science and technology program that inspires young people ages 14 to 18 about the excitement and personal rewards of science and technology. It is a challenging exploration of real-world problems using hands-on robotics and research.

The FTC season ends with tournaments around the world that celebrate the achievement of FTC teams. Successful FTC teams demonstrate shared values and team members learn that, as individuals, they can make significant contributions to their communities and to society using science and technology.

This team joins 127 other teams, representing nearly 40,000 young people who participated in more than 300 qualifying and championship tournaments worldwide during the past five months. The World Championship is the culmination of this experience and a global celebration.

The most important aspect of the program is the robot competition. This team is carrying a robot built from TETRIX or MATRIX metal elements with an Android device controller. The robot also includes, motor servos, battery packs, and many electrically wired components. The team will also be traveling with their tool kits to work on the robots during competition.

**Please be gentle with this robot.** Thank you for your kind consideration of the hard work these young engineers have put into this event. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us at [FTCTeams@firstinspires.org](mailto:FTCTeams@firstinspires.org).

With kind regards,

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