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Team 25 - Raider Robotix
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Dear Dr. Cokeley,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the actions of your *FIRST* Robotics Competition team at the 2006 *FIRST* Championship in Atlanta. The team was part of a three-team alliance competing against another alliance in the final round of the competition. To win would result in being crowned Champion. After the first match, one of the robots on the opposing alliance experienced a mechanical failure, and none of the teams in that alliance had the necessary part to fix the problem. Your school's alliance had the part on hand. At the risk of losing the competition, it provided that part to the opposing alliance. As it turned out, the other alliance did win the following game, and thus the competition.

One of the primary tenets of *FIRST* is that the teams demonstrate gracious professionalism throughout the competition. Your school's alliance could easily have remained silent, and would have most probably won the final match. When its decision to provide the part was announced, the Georgia Dome went wild and the crowd rose to its feet in applause. It was a moment that those of us privileged to observe will never forget.

Respectfully,



Dean Kamen