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Greetings Valued Sponsors and Donors,

The coming 2018 FRC Season begins January 6th with a new game called FIRST Powered Up. This represents the 6th year for our team draws students from the different high schools throughout Butte County and unites them into an extremely challenging, real world environment. We are reaching out to you once again for your support.

Last year proved to be an exciting adventure! We rose to the challenges of our shop being evacuated for over a week and still managed to build a bot that helped advance us to 4th place and a quarter final finish at the Sacramento Regionals, one of the toughest events in California. We've created a non-profit, IRON Cal, that FRC Team 4643 Butte Built Bots (formally Thunderbird Robotics) now works under giving us more freedoms and flexibility, to include students from schools around Butte County. We are active in the community, spreading STEM education through Lego workshops and camps for elementary school students and we are looking to expand by hosting more workshops and actual tournaments. It because of your generosity and passion for our students that helps make these ambitions come true. We can't do it without you!

This year Butte Built Bots, or what we affectionately call ourselves - B3, is looking outside of California for a second tournament to attend. Among the many reasons for this is the California tournaments have become so popular that it is very difficult to get into a second CA tournament with the number of teams in the state. Secondly we want to give students a chance to see other colleges and universities that the west has to offer, an opportunity they may not otherwise have.

To make this hope a reality we need to plan much further in advance and we need your help. What we are asking for from past sponsors and donors is to contribute to the team by December. Pick a specific date 2017. This will help with planning for travel and also soften the blow as we transition into a new facility which needs to be equipped with tools, computers, materials, office furniture, etc.

If you would like specific details of the needs of the team, feel free to contact us at the Robot Shop at 530-720-4443 or email at buttebuiltbots@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jonathon Andrew'.

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