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Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

AND/OR

US Customs and Border Protection
Port of Entry into the US

Dear TSA and/or U.S. Customs Agent,

The students and mentors 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 22nd MATE ROV Competition World Championship. The competition is taking place June 19-21, 2025, at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary – Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena, MI, USA. Teams from around the world, including the U.S., are participating.

The underwater robot and associated equipment are either traveling to Alpena, MI from their homes within the U.S. or entering the U.S. on a temporary basis for this event; they are not intended for commercial sale. The robots were 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/classes>. When they have finished competing, the students and their ROV will return to their homes/home country.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Zande".

Jill Zande

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