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Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

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US Customs and Border Protection  
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Dear TSA and/or U.S. 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 20<sup>th</sup> MATE ROV Competition World Championship. The competition is taking place June 21-25, 2022 at Long Beach City College in Long Beach, CA, USA. Teams from around the world, including the U.S., are participating.

The underwater robot and associated equipment are either traveling to Long Beach, CA 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. 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://www.materovcompetition.org/thechallenge>. 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,

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