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**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Dear Council Member Glass and Joy,

I feel honored that I could have the opportunity to attend today's press conference. This is Xiuzhu Yang with the International Cultural Bridge Group. We have a brand, Academy of Excellence (AOE) which does educational services. The AOE Robotics Club (<https://aoerobotics.com/>) moved into Courthouse Square office building in 2021 with the help of MOVE grant. At that time, we had only about 10 students and one team. Now we have grown into a club of more than 150 students and 15 teams. This year, we have five teams entering the World Championship and two teams entering the National Championship. It has been a great success. The majority of students are from Montgomery county. We do attract students from Fairfax, Frederick and Howard county as well. We bear our gratitude to this program. We trust that your new legislation on enhancing the MOVE program will greatly help the community. We wish more businesses will benefit from this program and grow in Montgomery county.

The club itself has gained national/international reputation. One of our teams, Guardians, is the Maryland State robotics skill challenge record keeper for the high school division. Another team, 5th Dimension, is the Maryland State robotics skill challenge record keeper for the middle school division. We are really helping our young generation to succeed in the STEM field. I believe that Montgomery county needs this kind of educational service. We really hope to get more support from the county. I copied our club director, Ms. Karen He here in the email. We hope to invite you to our club/STEM center in the near future. We are just across the street from the Court House building. Next week we are going to TX for the World Championship. After that, we will plan your visit at your convenient time.

Thanks

Xiuzhu