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Dear Mr. Macieja,

It is a pleasure to join the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in celebrating the remarkable 4th place finish of your team at the 2017 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship. I am confident their extraordinary performance thus far will carry forward and make Texas very proud of these young men.

It was Blaise Pascal who reminded us that "chess is the gymnasium of the mind." It is a game of personal discipline, analysis, and perseverance unlike any other. Your team's success at this game that crosses every culture and barrier is a testament to their relentless pursuit of excellence and self-examination. Your work with your team has ensured that the lessons found in chess become the core of each life you have touched. Thank you for your willingness to share the skills and lessons you have learned so that others may grow as well.

As you look forward to the coming President's Cup, I wish you and your team all the best. If I may ever be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
United States Senator