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ROB WITTMAN
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Ms. Mary Sandy
Virginia Space Grant Consortium
600 Butler Farm Road
Hampton, VA 23666

Dear Ms. Sandy and the Virginia Earth Systems Science Scholars:

I am writing to offer my sincere congratulations to you for receiving the 2019 Programs That Work Award from the Virginia Mathematics & Science Coalition, and I commend you on this significant accomplishment. You must be very proud during this important and special time.

Strengthening America's education system is important to promoting our economic security and ensuring our democracy. I believe preparing young people with the skills and knowledge to compete in a global economy requires an increased focus on science, technology, engineering and math. This award is critical in continuing to push the boundaries of problem solving, teamwork and creativity to address national science needs.

This achievement exemplifies your hard work and a willingness to take on significant responsibilities. You are an excellent example to your peers and community of commitment and perseverance. Please accept my best wishes to you all in all of your pursuits now and in the future.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Wittman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Wittman" clearly legible.

Robert Wittman
Member of Congress