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Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to hear each of you is participating in the 2021 NCFCA National Championship. As one who uses words and presentation every day to encourage, inform, and inquire, I owe a great deal to my years of experience in debate. Few programs can so thoroughly prepare you to grow in wisdom, integrity, and service to others than debate. It will broaden your horizons while equipping you for the challenging dynamics of life after high school.

Every class you take in high school will give you the knowledge to pursue your dreams, but debate gives you the skills to apply that knowledge for your benefit and the support of others. The fusion of academic rigor with hands-on experience in a speech and debate program enhances your education with new opportunities to engage with students around the world in competitions. Your experience preparing research, learning to thoughtfully listen to opponents, receiving critique, and effectively implementing everything you have learned will impact every aspect of your life. Your commitment to giving yourself a platform from which to grow and enrich your critical thinking, speaking, and presentation skills is commendable.

As each of you learns new skills and develops the gifts within yourself, I hope you will remember to thank your debate teachers and coaches for the difference they are making in your lives. Their passion for the highest quality education for all students will impact our Nation for generations.

I wish you and your team the very best as they continue striving for success on and off the debate stage. If I may ever be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

Ted Cruz  
United States Senator