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To whom it may concern,

I have been the lead coach and faculty advisor for the South Lyon Robotics, it's FRC team 3641, The Flying Toasters, since the inception in 2010. Please consider this application for the Edsfund Grant as the impact having the use of a Tormach Mill for the students would be astronomical. Coupling the Tormach mill with inspiring young ladies would become an effective tool in closing the gender gap and inspiring women into STE(A)M.

From the inception, I have been on board and strongly support this endeavor. Intact, if awarded, I am planning on heading up the project management to ensure milestones are met and the project is successful. It is very important for this project to be successful on many levels, for our students, our schools, our community, and our future.

I worked in industry for over 15 years as a cutting tool designer, and I have to say without a doubt, working with these young high school students is exhilarating, fresh, and powerful. I am sure I can use my strong background in the operation of CNC machinery, especially CNC mills, will be helpful in the success of this grant.

To conclude, I would like to restate my strong recommendation for Edsfund to consider granting the funds to The Flying Toasters. If you have any further questions regarding this team's ability or the application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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