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Dear Mykhaylo Filip,

On behalf of the New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC), I would like to commend you for your achievement in successfully participating in Round One of the First Annual Garden State Capture the Flag competition. You embodied the strength and perseverance of New Jersey's cyber community while solving rigorous challenges toward an impressive finish.

The devices, systems, and networks we depend on in all aspects of our daily lives are constant targets of attack for malicious actors, necessitating a robust workforce of highly skilled cyber professionals to detect and respond to these threats. Participating in the First Annual Garden State Capture the Flag competition serves as an invaluable experience to foster collaboration by being an integral member of a team working toward a common goal, to hone and perfect hands-on skills necessary in today's cyberworld, and most importantly to develop a sense of New Jersey pride as you represent your team and your school successfully.

The skills and experiences you developed by participating in Round One of the First Annual Garden State Capture the Flag competition will serve you well in pursuit of rewarding opportunities as you work to expand your interest in cybersecurity and learn about the various pathways that can lead to fulfilling careers in this auspicious field.

Once again, congratulations on your success in the First Annual Garden State Capture the Flag competition. The New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell applauds your accomplishments and appreciates your dedication to keeping New Jersey cyber safe.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Geraghty".

Michael Geraghty
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