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Dear Airline Official:

SkillsUSA, Inc., a national 501(c)(3) non-profit membership association, will conduct its annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO during the week of June 20. More than 5,600 of the students attending the Conference will compete for national medals in the SkillsUSA Championships, featuring 96 leadership and hands-on trade and technical skills contests designed, managed and judged by SkillsUSA's volunteer business and industry partners.

Almost all of these contests require students to use their personal professional tools in the execution of their competition tasks. Consequently, SkillsUSA students headed to and from Kansas City by air will be checking luggage containing tool sets.

We would appreciate any consideration your airline could offer these students in waiving checked baggage fees, as these students (and their families) have already made substantial financial sacrifices to prepare for and travel to the SkillsUSA Championships.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric V. Gearhart".

Eric V. Gearhart

Director, Development and Research

