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Alexander Soifer
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Dear Professor Soifer and Mathematical Olympiad Contestants,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on participating in the 23rd annual Colorado Mathematical Olympiad.

Every year for nearly a quarter of a century, hundreds of students from across Colorado compete in this challenging exercise of the mind. Mathematics is often the unsung discipline in our schools and colleges.

But young people like you know that math is challenging, exciting and ... yes ... fun. Some people would even call it a form of art.

As a student, I always loved mathematics. I use it every day. And on this day, I commend you for your achievements and for participating in the Olympiad. It will take determination, creativity and patience to solve these five problems. Good luck, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Ritter, Jr." in a cursive style.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Candidate for Governor