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Rutland High School Cheerleading Team
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To the members of the Rutland High School Cheerleading Team, Coaches, and Families:

I was proud to hear that the Rutland High School Cheerleading Team will be representing the State of Vermont at this year's National Cheerleading Championship in Dallas, Texas. This accomplishment is a testament to your tireless effort, perseverance and commitment. As your team captain Kennedy Pagano puts it, this is a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," and I offer you all my sincere congratulations.

The fact that this is the first time that any Vermont cheerleading team has made it to nationals makes this opportunity especially exciting. I'm certain that the Rutland community, and the state of Vermont, is proud of your hard work. Achievements like this do not come as the result of any one moment. Representation at the national level is founded on years of dedication and preparation; you earned this, and I hope you enjoy every minute.

Your team has set a precedent which will inspire future teams and it shines a positive light on the tenacity inherent to the Vermont character. I appreciate all that you have given to the community of Rutland and to the State of Vermont, and we are proud to call you "our team."

Best Regards,

Phil Scott