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Dear Post Commander &/or Youth Chairman:

Thank you for your support of Legion Programs. You and the members of your Post are critical to the success of Boys' State and other activities that support young people.

Each year, the Boys' State program seeks support to find funding sources for our delegates. This is never an exact science, as there are Posts that have no local high school, and high schools that have no local Post. We have attached a list of Vermont high schools with their contact person. This contact person has been asked to contact their local post to develop a relationship between the school and all of our American Legion Programs – and especially Boys' State.

Chittenden County is a real issue for us, as many of the largest Vermont high schools: Burlington High, Colchester High, South Burlington High, Champlain Valley Union, Essex High, Rice Memorial, and Mount Mansfield Union are located within its borders. Post 91 in Colchester actively supports our program, but the need far outweighs the supply of funding.

I am reaching out to all Posts in Vermont. Many Posts have excellent relationships with their local high school, and we are thankful for support. I am asking that Posts who do not have a direct affiliated high school consider supporting one to two delegates this year. The delegate fee is \$275, or \$550 for two. If this amount is beyond the Posts' capacity to pay, please contribute any amount in support of a young man in need.

We appreciate your consideration, and are looking forward to hearing from you. As members of the American Legion, you answered the call to help your country. Please support this – and other – programs of the Legion as we continue our work to build a better country for our future leaders.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>dave.cobb.vt@gmail.com</u> or 802 535-2716 if I can be of assistance. Checks can be made out to Green Mountain Boys' State, and sent to my address: Dave Cobb Director GMBS 227 Brigham Hill Road Essex Junction, Vermont 05452

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