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Hello,

My name is Ben Pate. I currently work for Maydm, one of the companies that may lose funding, which will hinder us from helping students get opportunities to work with major companies within the area. Our Internship program has allowed students to work with companies like Epic, Exact Sciences, CUNA Mutual, and HNTB, for some examples. We also work with many other nonprofits to run events for students to get exposure to different STEM areas to help gain interest in a job area that is always on the rise. Recently we were able to work with PUBG Studios, which is a global video game company. We had over 50 students sign up for the event, but because of different factors, we couldn't give every student this opportunity. Still, we are looking to build so every student does get the opportunity. Given the funding and chance to grow as an organization, we could help many different minority groups succeed in the Madison area.

Thank you for taking the time to listen,

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