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Subject: Importance of STEM Advocacy from Tufts ACTION

Dear Somerville Government,

ACTION (Advancing Civic Thought In Our Nation) is a student-run, non-partisan organization at Tufts University that aims to promote youth civic action and engagement in the greater Boston area. We also aim to increase voter turnout, empower young people to think civically and get involved in their community, and engage community members in the political process.

Recently, students in Grades 3-5 from the Brown School have come together to share why they think that STEM is important. You can see their responses in the photo below. Some of our favorite responses include:

“STEM keeps us healthy and helps us learn more about the world!” “STEM is important because some people do it for fun but others actually use it in their everyday life! You do too!” “Engineering is important to build structures.” “Technology is important because it is used [in] hospitals, schools, and other important things.” “It is important for many things like research, medicine, and investigation.”



These students are passionate about technology, engineering, and medicine and how it affects them and their communities. However, funding for STEM is under attack. We worry for these children who may grow up in a world without equitable STEM education, one in which their communities are less socially and physically robust. We ask that you strongly consider the importance of STEM as much as these children have when creating policy.

Sincerely,
 Tufts ACTION and the students of the Benjamin B. Brown School

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