

To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to my attention that the funding for the program Starbase could be in jeopardy of being taken away. I have used this program for 4 years. In all of my 34 years of teaching, this is one of the most well-received lessons from my students. They are so excited to get to my class when they know we will be using our Orange Backpacks. The lessons are short, varied, and easy to accomplish in one class period. They follow the STEM format, and cover the state science standards.

Please consider my request to continue funding this wonderful, hands-on learning opportunity for our students.

Sincerely,

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