**Door Jam – Formal Statement**

**Team Members:**

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**Project Description:**

The project is a smart door opener that can be opened with the push of a button from the internet, preventing a user from ever being locked out. To open their door, the user must navigate to the door opener website and create an account. They will receive an email that their account is awaiting confirmation before it can used. After their account is confirmed by the administrator as the resident of the room they have indicated, it will be added to the database of registered accounts. The user can then log in to a cookie-authenticated page where they can press a button and open a door. The button sends an API request that runs a function on a Particle Photon which sends a signal to a TI Launchpad board. When the TI board receives the signal, it powers a stepper motor. This motor rotates a piece that turns the door handle until it hits a button, stopping the rotation.

**Hardware Used:**

TI Launchpad, Particle Photon, Stepper motor, Stepper motor driver

**Software Used:**

C++, Node.js, MongoDB, HTML, CSS, BootStrap, Handlebars

**Creation Process:**

The first step in the process was creating a web server that could be securely logged into that sends the API request to the Particle Photon. After this, we tested executing functions on the Photon from the internet. Next, we added functionality to the web server such as a user database and confirmation emails. We also wrote the code to drive the stepper motor from the TI Launchpad. We then worked on driving the TI board from the Photon. The problem we encountered was that the TI board was reading high from the Photon when it should not be. To fix this, we designed an emitter follower circuit using an npn transistor to ground the input pin of the TI when the Photon is not outputting high, as well as buffering the Photon’s input into the TI.