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MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA

Aloha to the participants of the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative's 8th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development on Martha's Vineyard.

I welcome this opportunity to congratulate this year's youth delegates for their outstanding contribution to the economic stability and sustainable development in our state: Allie Kitchens, junior at Kealakehe High School; Kynan Kawai, junior at Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i; Makana Tavares, junior at Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter; Manoa Johansen, student at Hawai'i Community College; and Trevor Tanaka, junior at Konawaena High School.

The delegates have shared their dreams and goals. They have demonstrated a clear understanding of their green initiatives on Hawai'i Island, applying innovative management and use of technology in order to create sustainable agriculture, sustainable building, sustainable business, sustainable culture, and sustainable energy.

I commend the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative and the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for their continued sponsorship of this innovative program, which has helped further the readiness of Hawai'i's youth to develop and implement their Sustainability-In-Action Project that benefits their community.

I wish all of you continued success in your endeavors.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA
U.S. Senator