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**MESSAGE FROM MAZIE K. HIRONO
UNITED STATES SENATOR**

In celebration of the
Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative
11th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

June 27-July 2, 2015

Aloha to everyone attending the 11th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Congratulations for hosting your annual leadership summit. I would like to extend special recognition to the delegates who have traveled all the way from Hawaii. I recently met with Alex Siordia, who will be honored as a Hawaii Island Emerging Leader, and was impressed by his determination to make a difference in his community. While our environment faces many challenges, the work that you are doing is building a foundation for generations to come.

Hawaii is one of the most biodiverse places in the world – despite being the most isolated archipelago on our planet. We are connected to the land and ocean and are aware of the importance of being responsible stewards of the environment. The Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative, Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative, and Stone Soup Leadership Initiative work to empower the next generation of leaders to continue this vision of sustainability through career development and hearing from influential speakers such as Arun Gandhi.

My warm regards for a productive time together, and best wishes for the year ahead!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mazie K. Hirono". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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