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Dear Youth Delegates,

It is my honor to welcome you to the eleventh annual Stone Soup Youth Summit, the sixth Youth Summit to be held on Martha's Vineyard.

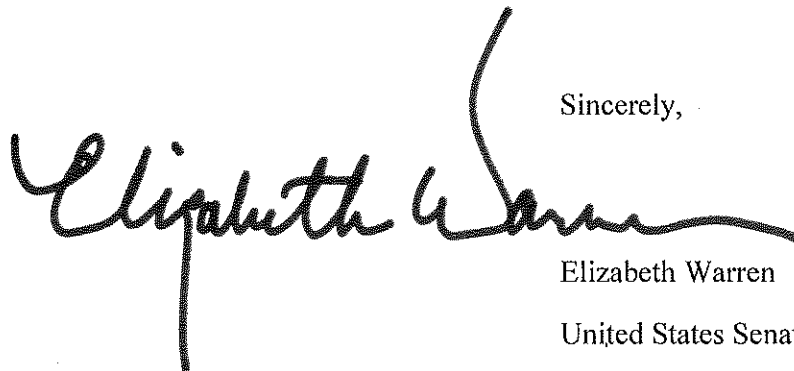
Your work with environmental groups in island communities across the world is an incredibly valuable contribution to our society and the future of sustainable development.

Through all of your endeavors here you are learning to create your own personal plan for making changes in the world. You are also, more importantly, developing an understanding of the complications of living on islands, not as obstacles, but as opportunities. As an island resident, you are joining the effort to end climate change with a singular perspective and laudable goal.

The summit this weekend is a fantastic opportunity. Whether you're learning about your community's efforts to encourage sustainable living, collaborating with distinguished faculty who hold a wealth of knowledge, figuring out your personal dream for your future, or discovering the best way for your island to collaborate with the mainland for the betterment of the planet - you are working for a better future for yourself, your family and the world around you.

I applaud your work and know the Summit will be a great success.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren

United States Senator