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**MESSAGE FROM
SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO**

**In Celebration of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Summit for Sustainable Development**

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Aloha and welcome to everyone attending the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Summit for Sustainable Development held at Martha's Vineyard.

The Youth Leadership Summit provides an important opportunity for Hawaii's youth to share their vision for our state's future with community, business, and government leaders. I commend this year's delegates, Nikolas Powell, Juanito Moises Jr., and Elijah Anakalea-Buckley on their selection to participate in this prestigious conference.

In the United States Senate, please know that I continue my commitment to building a more sustainable future for Hawaii and our nation and look forward to seeing the innovative ideas and solutions that arise from this forum aimed at making that future become a reality.

However, creating the vision is just the beginning. Implementation and follow up are key to turn your plans to reality. You can expect to encounter challenges, but consider these learning opportunities. There is a saying that life is about the journey and the wisdom and knowledge you gain along the way are what ultimately helps you achieve your goals.

Thank you to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and everyone who made this important program possible. My best wishes for an enjoyable and productive forum.

Sincerely,



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