

Stone Soup Leadership Institute Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Youth Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Each one of you has demonstrated leadership in your community. In joining the fight for a more sustainable Vineyard, you are helping to move the nation towards a better future.

This summit is an opportunity to continue your work. It is also an ideal time to further develop your leadership skills and knowledge of sustainability. I am certain that you will learn new skills and connect with other youth leaders across the state and country.

I applaud your accomplishments and your continuous efforts to improve the world. Young leaders like you give me reason to believe that we will be successful in achieving a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Markey

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