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MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO

In honor of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 14th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

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Aloha and welcome to everyone attending the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 14th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development.

As residents of island and coastal communities, we are already grappling with the impact and effects of climate change. This year's Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Youth Leadership Summit provides an important forum to conceptualize innovative solutions to challenges we will continue to face from climate change. I applaud your work as young leaders who are committed to creating a healthier, more sustainable planet.

Young people like Trevor Tanaka exemplify this commitment. For seven years, Trevor developed his Sustainable Hawaii app—which provides a blueprint for young people in Hawaii to engage in building more sustainable communities. His steadfast dedication and commitment also resulted in a House Concurrent Resolution at the Hawaii State Legislature that would incorporate sustainability education and environmental stewardship at the classroom level.

I commend Trevor and all of the youth leaders for answering the call to think globally, act locally. I have tremendous hope for the future and for the difference you will all make.

Mahalo to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and its sister program the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative for their ongoing efforts in empowering the next generation of leaders.

My best wishes for a productive summit and future success.

Sincerely,



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