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Dear friends,

I wish you all a warm welcome to the 12th annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development, and extend special greetings from Massachusetts' Fourth Congressional District, which I have the honor to represent in the United States Congress.

The Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative's goal of inspiring, educating and empowering young people to take initiative in their island communities is a critical step in ensuring the success and longevity of our oceans, island sustainability, and our planet as well.

As you participate in this year's Summit, I encourage you to ask questions, look for answers, and seek out opportunities to collaborate and address the challenges you face as islanders.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the crew of The Hokule'a on her worldwide journey. May you have fair winds and following seas in your continuing voyage.

Again, best wishes on the occasion of the 12th annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development and many safe travels to the crew of The Hokule'a.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Kennedy, III
Member of Congress