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Dear Youth Delegates:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I send you warm greeting as you gather for the Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development hosted by Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative.

The annual summit provides you with the opportunity to develop your leadership skills and conceptualize your personal and professional goals. Additionally, you will have the chance to discuss the challenges we face as a global community. With your collective talent and determination, I am confident you will develop effective action plans for sustainable projects in your own communities and beyond.

Massachusetts is a leader in energy efficiency, land and water conservation and sustainable development practices. Through innovative and collaborative programs like this summit, and with promising young leaders like you, I am confident we will remain a leader for generations to come.

I am proud of every one of you for taking an active role in your community and hope you will continue to stay involved in the years ahead. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and informative summit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval Patrick", written in a cursive style.