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Message from Senator Brian Schatz

Presented In Recognition of the Youth Participants of the
2014 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development
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I extend my warmest aloha to our young leaders participating in the 10th Annual Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. As passionate visionaries of a more sustainable world, these young innovators are tasked with the challenge of planning and creating a green workforce for Hawai'i's future.

This year's youth delegates have been selected to share ideas and learn from likeminded leaders through an intensive training forum designed to educate, empower, inspire, and support them to take initiative in their lives and on their island. With the guidance of seasoned professionals and mentors, this next generation of leaders is presented with an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue, reflect collaboratively on important issues, and propose viable solutions to protect Hawai'i's fragile environment.

Joining young leaders from other island groups across the globe, the 2014 Hawai'i youth delegation includes Lana'i residents Brooklyn Bradford, Emma de Brum, Adrianna Sanches, and Keona and Jasmine Humphrey, a group of talented change agents with tremendous potential to reshape the future of our local and global communities. I commend each of you for your work on your Sustainability-In-Action Projects. On behalf of the State of Hawai'i, thank you for your candid concern and eager commitment to preserving our island's innumerable natural resources.

I also wish to acknowledge the Sustainable Hawai'i Youth Leadership Initiative and the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for investing time and energy to encourage young minds to think, act, and lead with a progressive and sustainable mindset. Best wishes to the young leaders for a successful Summit and I look forward to supporting your efforts in making a positive difference in your communities.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Schatz".

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