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## MESSAGE FROM U.S. SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO

### In honor of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Island Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development

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My warmest aloha to the youth delegates participating in the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Island Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development.

This Summit provides an opportunity for you to learn about sustainability and work together to create action plans that address issues facing your communities and our world. Sustainable development is fundamental for us to overcome the economic, social and environmental challenges we face. As young leaders, your creativity and passion hold enormous promise to move us towards a healthier, more sustainable planet.

I understand there are participants from Lanai Island at this year's Summit. Individuals from Hawaii bring with them a unique perspective growing up in one of the most biodiverse places and being conscious of stewardship of land, water, and other natural resources on an island ecosystem. Each of you come from different places and bring with you different life experiences, but you share a common bond—a concern for our beautiful, interconnected world. I have tremendous hope for the future and for the difference you will make.

Thank you to the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and its sister program the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative for empowering the next generation of leaders.

Aloha,



Mazie K. Hirono  
United States Senator