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Dear Youth Delegates,

It is my honor to welcome you to the tenth annual Stone Soup Youth Summit, the fifth Youth Summit to be held on Martha's Vineyard.

Your work with environmental groups in island communities across the world is extraordinarily important.

Your efforts here encourage you to create your own personal plan for effectuating change in the world. More importantly, you are developing a perspective of the challenges of life on islands, not as obstacles, but as opportunities. As an island resident, you are joining the effort to end global warming with a singular perspective.

The summit this weekend is an excellent opportunity. Whether you are learning about your community's efforts to encourage sustainability, realizing a personal dream for your future, or discovering the best way for your island to collaborate with the mainland for the betterment of the planet - you are working for a better future for yourself, your family and the world around you.

I applaud your work and know the Summit will be a great success.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Warren