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Dear Youth Delegates,

I would like to welcome you to the 13th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development hosted by the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. It is always nice to see passionate, ambitious, and empowered young adults such as yourselves taking initiative in your community. I am delighted to hear that the summit is focused on sustainability practices and includes a diverse group of delegates and educators. We need to make sure that we do our due diligence now, maintaining an ecological balance to preserve our earth for future generations. This unique and special experience gives you the opportunity to share and discuss global and local issues with your peers from around the world, and offers a platform to work together on possible solutions. With all the uncertainty and challenges that we face today, I know that your voice and ideas matter and I encourage you to continue working together to affect change and impact the world. I commend you on your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

Dylan Fernandes  
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