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Dear Youth Delegates, and especially the Hokule'a Worldwide Voyage,

Welcome to Martha's Vineyard, an island that is a continent and sea apart from where some of you come from, but among the same family of ocean-inspired communities with rich histories, much in common and much to share.

I also welcome to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit a delegation from Holyoke, Massachusetts, which has not had to travel as far as the crew on the Hokule'a voyage but brings great enthusiasm and leadership to the gathering for the first time.

Since this initiative began 12 years ago, "sustainability" and "sustainable development" have become core concepts for everyone interested in the health and future of our planet and society. Programs like this have helped make that awareness grow, and now your efforts will translate good intentions and solid science into pragmatic action plans and tangible accomplishments.

That is your goal for the coming week --- that and getting to know Martha's Vineyard, creating great new relationships, and having fun! So please take my advice, offered from the historic and somber halls of the Massachusetts State House while wishing I could be there with you instead: Do it all!

Best regards,

Daniel A. Wolf  
State Senator, Cape and Islands District