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Dear Delegates:

As an alumnus of the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), I would like to thank the Hearst Foundations for the enriching experience they provide to our country's youth. The USSYP affords high school students the unique opportunity to meet with world leaders and learn about the inner workings of our nation's government.

My own Washington Week experience was not that long ago, and I still remember my first trip to Washington, D.C. We met with the First Lady, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and numerous ambassadors. As a young teenager from a small town, this was a meaningful opportunity to meet other students with similar interests.

The USSYP instilled an initial dedication and passion for public service that continues to have an impact as I represent the people of Colorado in the United States Senate. The unabashed confidence of "Mom Hearst" in all of the delegates will truly push you to achieve. I encourage you to make the most of the relationships you will build in Washington, D.C., and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Cory Gardner
United States Senator