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Dear Fellow Delegates:

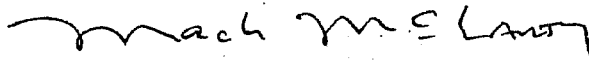
It is my great pleasure to thank and commend the United States Senate Youth Program for its more than four decades of offering some of our nation's most talented young people a chance to see our federal government at work, and to meet the men and women who bring it to life.

Like so many other program alumni, I found the experience to be instrumental in solidifying my commitment to public service. The first time I ever met a U.S. president was during Washington Week 1964 -- and I still remember vividly our delegates' breakfast with then-Secretary of State Dean Rusk. A few years later, when I was elected to the Arkansas State Legislature at the age of 23, and almost thirty years later, when I had the great privilege of serving as President Bill Clinton's first White House Chief of Staff, my thoughts went back to my time in the Youth Senate Program and the way those early interactions with political leaders and government officials had fortified my desire to give back.

But just as important as the knowledge I gained through the U.S. Senate Youth Program were the friendships I forged with my peers. I encourage all delegates to learn as much from one another as you will from the public servants you meet. With your intellect, idealism, and integrity, you can be a powerful force in building a shining future for our nation and the world.

Best wishes.

Personally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mack McLarty". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty, III**

Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty, III (born June 14, 1946) has a distinguished record of business leadership and public service. Elected to the Arkansas state legislature at the age of 23, he served as chairman of the state Democratic Party from 1974-1976, and later served as finance chair for both David Pryor's and Bill Clinton's gubernatorial campaigns. McLarty worked with President Jimmy Carter as a member of the Democratic National Committee and was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to the National Petroleum Council and the Council on Environmental Quality. He served President Bill Clinton as White House Chief of Staff, Counselor, and Special Envoy for the Americas, with over five years of service in the President's Cabinet and on the National Economic Council. As White House Chief of Staff, Mr. McLarty helped enact the historic 1993 deficit reduction package, the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Family and Medical Leave law, and the landmark welfare reform legislation. He is currently President of McLarty Associates, a strategic advisory firm based in Washington DC, and President of the McLarty Companies, a fourth generation family automotive business.