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Dear Fellow Delegates:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the United States Senate Youth Program for the outstanding experience it provides to the future leaders of our nation. Your program gives its delegates a first-hand look into how our country's government functions and has inspired many of us to become more involved in public service.

I have the honor and privilege of being the first delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program elected to the U.S. Senate. My commitment to public service was reinforced as a senior in high school during the 1971 Washington Week when I met with Senator Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman in history to serve in both the House and the Senate.

To the thousands of alumni of this unique program in the U.S. Senate, I know that many of you are and will remain active in public service on a national, state, or local level. I am pleased to hear of the activities of my fellow alumni and encourage you to remain in contact with the William Randolph Hearst Foundation so that we may know of your continued successes.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator