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## Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend greetings and best wishes to the student delegates participating in the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Washington, D.C.

Since its establishment in 1962, the USSYP has dedicated itself to giving America's youth a better understanding of the complex relationships between the branches of government, the duties and responsibilities of our elected and appointed officials and the integral role of democratic decision-making for our Nation. Funded through the Hearst Foundation, this program provides two highly qualified high school delegates per state with the opportunity to attend briefings and meetings with the President, Senators, a Justice of the Supreme Court, cabinet members, federal agency leaders and senior members of the national media. The USSYP provides invaluable experience which participants will use to be successful in their personal and professional lives. I commend all of the participants, public officials and staff members who have worked tirelessly to make this program a fostering ground for future leaders of New Jersey and the United States of America.

As an alumnus of the USSYP Class of 1981, I can attest to the benefits of this opportunity and extend my best wishes to you for an enriching experience.

Sincerely.

Chris Christie Governor