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Dear Fellow Delegates:

As an alumnus of the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP), I would like to thank the 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 then First Lady and now Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, 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 who were interested in the same things that excited me.

The USSYP instilled an initial dedication and passion for public service that continues to inspire my actions as I serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. 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

Member of Congress