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Honorable Dr. Kendrick Pickering  
Government of the British Virgin Islands  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour  
Road Town, Tortola, BVI

Dear Dr. Pickering,

Thank you for your leadership on climate change and sustainability. The Stone Soup Leadership Institute is hosting its 3rd Sustainable Forum in Hawaii on March 17, 2018. Given her work with you, we would be honored for Feliza Fenty to represent the BVI at the Sustainable Forum in Hawaii. The Institute will provide for all of Ms. Fenty's travel and lodging expenses.

Our Global Team will include California Governor Brown's representative and Emerging Leaders from the Institute's other island initiative from Hawaii and Vieques, Puerto Rico (VYLI) who met with Premier Orlando Smith in 2007. They will share their life-changing experiences on the front lines of climate change, especially after Hurricanes Irma and Maria, as well as the lessons learned about building resilient island communities. Together we will explore how we might build a global model.

At the Sustainable Forum and Global Sustainability weekend we will all benefit from Ms. Fenty's experience in helping to launch the world's first financing framework for small islands to address causes and impacts of climate change with the Climate Change Trust Fund Act. Ms. Fenty served as a youth delegate and then emerging leader to three of the Institute's 13 Sustainability Summits: held at the Bitter End Yacht Club (2008) and Martha's Vineyard (2012 & 2014). She also represented VGYLI at the Caribbean Media Exchange Conference on Sustainable Tourism on St. Lucia (2008) and San Juan, Puerto Rico (2009).

**The Sustainable Forum** will feature 150 attendees: youth leaders, progressive educators, innovative business, community organizations from Hawaii. We will use Design Thinking tools to envision and prototype in real-time a user-friendly **Sustainable Education Toolkit App** as a tool to implement the **Sustainability Resolution** championed by our Hawaii youth. The Toolkit will be an online resource to enable Hawaii's youth to learn ecological, cultural, and economical sustainability and support the development of youth who are trained for green jobs and a sustainable workforce. We believe it could become a global model for other islands.

**The Sustainable Champion Global Team Weekend Features:**

- VIP Reception with Hawaii's leaders;
- Launch of a Sustainable Champions Community of Action;
- Explore global partnerships for Sustainability Toolkit App;
- **Sustainability Tour**
  - NELHA's **Sustainable Aquaculture Tour**;
  - Henk Rogers **Pu'u Wa'awa'a: Energy Ranch**;
  - **Mauna Kea Summit Stargazing Tour**;
  - Hawaiian cultural sustainability with **Danny Akaka Jr.**

Dr. Pickering, we welcome your timely response for our request.

**Executive Director**

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