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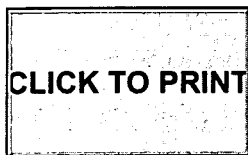
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Montana 4-H Youth Congress Greeting

Hello everyone. I'm sorry I can't be with you in person, but Senate business has kept me in Washington.

I wish I could be with all of you in Bozeman for this year's 4-H Youth Congress.

Montana's 4-H program provides all of you young men and women with a variety of great opportunities. I can't tell you how many people I talk to in Montana who have been part of 4-H or who have kids in the program. You can't go anywhere in Montana without seeing how important the 4-H program is to families -- trying new activities and learning skills that will help you throughout the rest of your life.

One of the most important values you'll learn by participating in 4-H is the value of hard work. Like many of you, I grew up on my family's ranch in Helena. The lessons I learned growing up on the ranch have carried me throughout my whole life.

Hard work. Determination. Not being afraid to roll up my sleeves and get to work. Working together to get a job done. All of these lessons have helped me with everything I've done.

And these are many of the same things that you'll learn by participating in 4-H.

I commend all of you for your hard work and leadership skills. You exemplify the best that our state's youth has to offer.

Good luck with your conference. And if you're ever in Washington, please feel free to stop by my office – my door is always open.

All the best.