



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON



Friends:

The iconic canoe Hōkūle‘a is sailing around the world to inspire us to build a more sustainable planet. Like the amazing voyage of the Hōkūle‘a, the ocean inspires us and connects us. We are all tied to our ocean - no matter where we live. From the air we breathe to the food we eat, the ocean sustains us.

Our dependence on the ocean makes its degradation even more alarming. We are taking out too many fish, putting in too much pollution, and warming and acidifying our ocean waters - threatening the diversity, productivity, and resilience upon which we rely so heavily.

At the third Our Ocean conference September 15 and 16, I will bring together bold thinkers and actors from across the planet - especially new voices from the next generation - to commit to solutions, foster innovation, and use entrepreneurship to drive ocean conservation and support the global ocean sustainable development goal.

My message is simply this: “Our Ocean, One Future.” Together, we can change the world and save our ocean.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John F. Kerry".

John F. Kerry