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Dear Participants, Experts, and Fellows of the 2019 Asia Policy Assembly,

Thank you for inviting me to this event and congratulations to you all on the success of this year's Asia Policy Assembly of the National Asia Research Program (NARP). I am sorry I cannot be with you today, but I appreciate the chance to share some words with you.

The NARP is an important national security education initiative and the diverse participants and robust agenda for the Asia Policy Assembly are a testament to that. I am confident that those gathered for this two-day conference will do their part to foster open and honest dialogue, all with an eye toward addressing key challenges. I appreciate your efforts to foster a greater understanding of the policy challenges and opportunities present throughout the Indo-Pacific during this event and beyond.

Allow me also to express special congratulations to the 2019 class of NARP Fellows. You are the rising stars of the Asia Policy Assembly. Your research will no doubt be invaluable to the attendees this week and many others. I am proud to support your efforts.

Though I cannot attend the APA this year, I look forward to hearing more about this important education initiative. I appreciate that the Asia Policy Assembly continues to support and educate all those who wish to learn more about any and all aspects of Asia policy.

Thank you very much for all your hard work. Have a wonderful conference.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray

United States Senator