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Ms. Linda Cruz-Carnall
Regional Director
U.S. Economic Development Administration
Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building
900 Market Street, Room 602
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Ms. Cruz-Carnall,

I have been notified that the **Morgantown Utility Board**, with assistance provided by Region VI Planning and Development Council, is submitting a grant proposal to the **U.S. Economic Development Administration** for consideration under the **Public Works** and **Economic Adjustment Assistance** programs.

Please accept this letter as a record of my strong support for the Morgantown Utility Board (MUB), their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this grant opportunity will be utilized to upgrade and expand water and sewer services to serve the future Mountaintop Beverage manufacturing facility.

Specifically, the project would construct a 700 gallon per minute booster pump station, necessary water tanks, capable of 1.3 million gallons of storage and approximately 5,650 linear feet of twelve inch diameter water main that will connect to the utility's existing water main. This extension project directly impacts the potential of more than \$100 million in new investment and hundreds of new jobs that would be directly created by the Mountaintop Beverage facility.

I greatly appreciate your noting my strong interest and support of this application and providing it a full and fair review. I'm proud to lend my support to the Morgantown Utility Board, Region VI Planning and Development Council, the Morgantown Area Partnership, and their efforts to spur economic growth, create jobs and improve of lives of West Virginians.

Please keep me and my staff updated on the status of this application as it proceeds through the review and approval process. If you have questions, please contact Ryan Thorn in my Charleston office at 202-213-4365. Thank you in advance for your time, attention, and consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III

cc: Tracey Rowan, US EDA