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Mr. Robert Rice
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WV Dept. of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street SE
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Dear Mr. Rice,

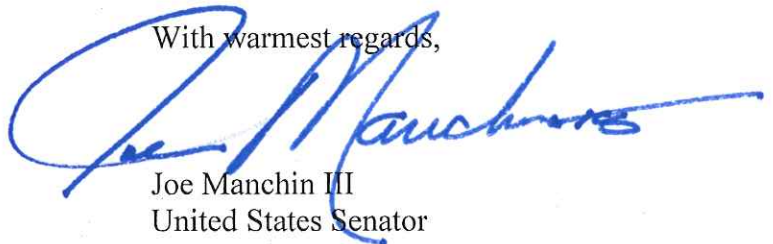
I have been alerted that the Wyoming County Commission, with assistance from Region 1 Planning and Development Council, is submitting a grant application to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection under the 2019 Abandoned Mine Lands Economic and Community Development Pilot Program.

I am writing to express my support for the Wyoming County Commission, their project partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be utilized for the Hanover Waterline Extension Project, a collaborative effort between Wyoming and Mingo Counties.

Specifically, this project would provide water service to more than 450 customers through the installation of 45,850 linear feet of 10-inch and small diameter water main, two water storage tanks, one 250 gallon per minute booster station, fire hydrants, and other related appurtenances in an area impacted by pre-law mining practices. Additionally, this project will provide dependable water service to homeowners, businesses, allow the US Army Corps of Engineers R.D. Bailey Lake & Wildlife Management Area and Huff Consolidated School Package Treatment Plants to be taken off line, and will help stabilize the local tax base and improve property values.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest in this application and providing it a full and fair review. I am proud to lend my support for this and others like it that seek to advance communities and improve the lives of West Virginians. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator

cc: Travis Parsons, WV DEP

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