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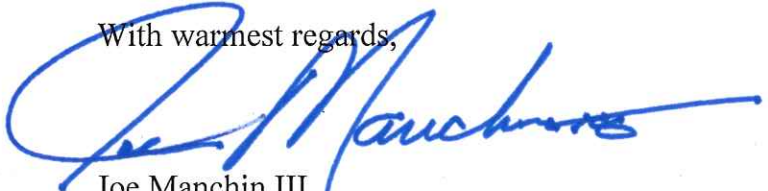
Dear Mr. Bush,

I have been alerted that the City of Hinton, West Virginia, with assistance provided by Region 1 Planning and Development Council, is submitting a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission, through the West Virginia Community and Development Office, to support water infrastructure improvements.

I am writing to express my support for the City of Hinton, their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this grant opportunity will be utilized to support Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) abatement. Specifically, this project would address CSO issues by constructing collection system improvements in a phased process to reduce, eliminate, or control CSO discharges into receiving streams. The City's existing system would be modified by eliminating the combined sewer collection system and installing a traditional gravity system to convey CSO to the treatment plant for processing, and to replace the UV disinfection system at the treatment plant.

I appreciate your noting my interest and support in this application and providing it a full and fair review. I am proud to lend my support to this project and others like it that seek to enhance community infrastructure 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

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