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Dr. Yngvild K. Olsen
Acting Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Olsen,

I have been alerted that **Clay County Ambulance Services** has submitted a grant application to the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment** under the **Rural Emergency Medical Service Training Grant Program**.

Please accept this letter as a record of my support for Clay County Ambulance Service, the Clay County Commission, the residents of Clay County, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be utilized to provide the necessary training and purchase of equipment and supplies that will allow the ambulance service to effectively and safely respond to mental health and substance abuse related emergency calls. I recently fought for counties, like Clay, to be designated as rural and eligible to compete for this and other funding. Due to their past ineligibility their needs for this funding is vital.

I greatly appreciate your noting my strong interest and support of this application and providing it a fair and full review. If you have any questions, please contact my Charleston office at 304-342-5855. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III

cc: Dr. Jean Bennett, Regional Administrator, SAMSHA
Ms. Anne Herron, Intergovernmental & External Affairs, SAMSHA
Mr. Aaron Williams, Director, Clay County Ambulance Service