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Ms. JooYeun Chang
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Ms. Chang,

I have been alerted that **Coalfield Development**, located in Wayne, West Virginia, is submitting a grant application to the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families**, under the **Community Economic Development Projects** program (*HHS-2021-ACF-OCS-EE-1965*).

Please accept this letter as a record of my support for Coalfield Development, their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity would be used for the implementation of their **HighWall Project** in Mingo County, West Virginia. This project will assist with local job creation, new business investment, and will spur economic revitalization and diversification in an area of my state that has been hit hard by the downturn in the fossil fuels industry over the last decade.

Coalfield Development is a well-respected organization in southern West Virginia. I have personally observed their successful work and their effective approach to community and workforce development. The organization has a strong track record of making real and lasting investments and positive impacts in the communities and for the people they serve.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest and support of this application and providing it a fair and full review. I'm proud to support projects that seek to create economic opportunities, enhance communities, and improve the lives of West Virginians. The use of US DHHS funds for community development purposes in Appalachia is greatly needed and I believe this plan will succeed in doing that. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III

cc: Dr. Lanikque Howard, Director, Office of Community Services