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Kanawha County Commission  
P.O. Box 3627  
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Dear Commissioners,

I write today in support of the 2019/2020 US Youth Soccer East Region Tournaments to be held at the new Shawnee Park Multi-Sport Complex and The Village of Barboursville Sites. The Shawnee Park Sports Complex will be a premier sports destination in the state of West Virginia and co-hosting tournaments of this scale with The Village of Barboursville is an ideal partnership.

The 127 acre complex, which is currently a golf course, is being transformed into a site with 6 collegiate size turf soccer fields, 4 collegiate size baseball and softball fields and a large grass area that can be lined for multiple sports fields, but no less than 4 full size soccer fields. The complex will be an outstanding complement to the already existing soccer sites in our beautiful state.

The facility is an ideal site for the US Youth Soccer East Region Tournaments, not only because of its amenities, but because of the people in the community who will help host the tournament. West Virginia is home to 18 travel soccer clubs, 37 recreational clubs, has 2 established adult soccer leagues, and a PDL Team, the West Virginia Chaos. I understand that the soccer community is very excited about the efforts to secure this tournament at two of our state's premier facilities.

If the Shawnee Park Multi-Sport Complex is awarded the bid to co-host the 2019/2020 US Youth Soccer East Region Tournaments in partnership with a neighboring sports site at The Village of Barboursville, I am certain that it will return for years to come.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III  
United States Senator

JM/rt