

## **Senator Manchin's Efforts on the Mobility Fund**

**September 22, 2015:** Senator Manchin sent a [letter](#) to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler, urging him to move on the Mobility Fund, which would ensure that the states with the lowest rates of advanced wireless penetration received the most funding, and inviting him to WV.

**July 11, 2016:** Senator Manchin, along with Senator Roger Wicker and 24 of their colleagues, sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Wheeler urging the FCC to move on the Mobility Fund.

**October 11, 2016:** Senator Manchin hosted Chairman Wheeler in West Virginia to meet with key stakeholders from West Virginia's communication technology sector and talk about the importance of the Mobility Fund.

**January 25, 2017:** Senator Manchin and FCC Commissioner Clyburn published an [op-ed](#) on the importance of the Mobility Fund in a 21st century digital economy.

**February 2, 2017:** Senator Manchin, along with Senator Wicker, and 28 of their colleagues, sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Pai again urging the FCC to move on the Mobility Fund.

**February 23, 2017:** Senator Manchin praised the FCC, after it votes unanimously to move forward with Phase II of Mobility Fund, which prioritizes mobile broadband deployment in rural and underserved communities and protects small internet service providers from burdensome regulations.

**April 12, 2017:** Senator Manchin and Senator Wicker sent a [letter](#) from to FCC's Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force urging to move forward with the Mobility Fund using accurate maps.

**August 3, 2017:** FCC votes on Mobility Fund Order to begin the process of providing \$4.53 billion over ten years to expand mobile broadband deployment.