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Ms. Linda Cruz-Carnall
Regional Director
U.S. Economic Development Administration
Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building
900 Market Street, Room 602
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Ms. Cruz-Carnall,

I have been notified that the **Paden City Development Authority**, with assistance provided by the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council, is submitting an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

I write to express my support for the Paden City Development Authority, their project partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be used to study the feasibility of making improvements to a section of the Paden City Industrial Park that would create additional acres for commercial and industrial redevelopment.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest and support of this application and providing it a full and fair review. I'm proud to lend my support to this project and others like it that seek to spur economic growth, create jobs, and improve the lives of West Virginians.

Please keep me and my staff updated on the status of this application as it proceeds through the review and approval process. If you have questions, please contact Ryan Thorn in my Charleston office at 202-213-4365. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III

cc: Tracey Rowan, US EDA