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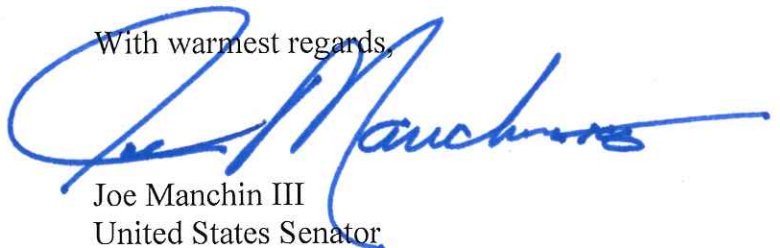
Dear Mr. Bush,

I have been alerted that the Raleigh County Airport Authority, with assistance provided by Region 1 Planning and Development Council and the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, is submitting a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission, through the West Virginia Community and Development Office, to support infrastructure expansion.

I am writing to express my support for the Raleigh County Airport Authority, their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this grant opportunity will be utilized to expand utility infrastructure at Airport Industrial Park. Once completed, the expansion of the Airport Industrial Park will lead to the development of nearly 100 acres of commercial property. This expansion will increase economic development activity in the aerospace and related industries.

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

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator

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