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Ms. Linda Cruz-Carnall  
Regional Director  
U.S. Economic Development Administration  
900 Market Street, Room 602  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-9202

Dear Ms. Cruz-Carnall,

I have been notified that Raleigh County Public Service District, with assistance providing by Region One Planning and Development Council and the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, is submitting a grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

I write to express my support for Raleigh County PSD, their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be utilized to upgrade their system and provide a stable and secure source of clean water for their customers. Specifically, the project would construct a new water treatment plant that would use ground water from an abandoned mine site in the county.

The new water treatment plant will allow Raleigh PSD to no longer be dependent on a private water company for their water and will create a dependable, economic and PSD controlled water source that will benefit more than 6,800 customers, including 233 commercial and industrial customers. Additionally, these upgrades will allow a number of these industrial customers to expand their operations and in turn retain existing and potentially create new jobs.

I greatly appreciate your noting my strong 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 enhance community infrastructure, 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