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Mr. Trent Ogilvie, President
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Dear Mr. Ogilvie –

I write today to discuss questions that my constituents and I have regarding potential negative effects which Rockwool's new proposed facility could cause to the air and water quality in Jefferson County, West Virginia, and the surrounding areas. All West Virginians want and deserve clean air and water. I believe they also deserve peace of mind when it comes to the safety of their air and water quality, especially when a business constructs a new facility that could potentially affect both.


The communities that surround your proposed facility in Jefferson County are concerned about the facility's potential impacts to their health, as well as to the environment and local wildlife. In particular, the proposed Rockwool facility's close proximity to local schools has prompted the concerns of parents and the local school board.

These are genuine concerns that are worthy of thoughtful reply and engagement from you and your team at Rockwool. Therefore, I respectfully request your written reply outlining Rockwool's plan to ensure all environmental impacts are mitigated as much as possible during both construction and operation of the facility. Additional information regarding Rockwool's emissions at its existing North American facilities would be helpful data for informing this conversation in West Virginia. And it is imperative you continue to remain engaged with the community via additional town halls. I also strongly urge you to facilitate meetings with families and local leaders from the communities where your existing facilities operate, such as Toronto, Ontario.

I have long said that everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but not their own facts. I also believe that our environment and economy can be balanced, and our economic leaders should do everything they can to ensure both. Consequently, I also ask that you commit to remaining engaged with the community to continue your efforts to address local concerns, and encourage you to be as transparent as possible as you pursue environmental permits for the facility. The safe and environmentally responsible construction and operation of the proposed Rockwool facility in Jefferson County is inextricably linked to its success.

Please respond to my office via letter at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your prompt response to my concerns. I look forward to a positive working relationship for the future of West Virginia.

With warm wishes,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator