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Mr. Robert Rice Director Division of Land Restoration WV Dept. of Environmental Protection 601 57th Street SE Charleston, West Virginia 25304-0001

Dear Mr. Rice,

I have been alerted that the Raleigh County Commission, with the assistance of the Region 1 Planning and Development Council, is submitting grant applications to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection under the 2019 Abandoned Mine Lands Economic and Community Development Pilot Program.

I am writing to express my support for the Raleigh County Commission, their project partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be utilized for the White Oak Waterline Extension and Harper-Eccles Sewer Extension Projects.

Specifically, the White Oak Waterline Extension will provide public water service to residents along the Raleigh and Summers County border. The project involves installing more than 19,000 linear feet of new waterline to expend public water service to 30 households along Oak Mountain and Hinton Roads. Additionally, the Harper-Eccles Sewer Extension project will provide service to 375 residents through the installation of 70,900 linear feet of gravity and forcemain sewer line, two pump stations, 10 grinder lift stations, and association appurtenances.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest in these applications and providing them a full and fair review. I am proud to lend my support to these projects and others like them that seek to enhance community infrastructure and improve the lives of West Virginians. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With warmest regards

Joe Manchin III

United States Senator

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