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Mr. James E. Bush
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Dear Mr. Bush,

I have been alerted that the Wyoming County Commission, with assistance provided by Region 1 Planning and Development Council, is submitting a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission, through the West Virginia Community and Development Office, to support two water infrastructure projects in the county.

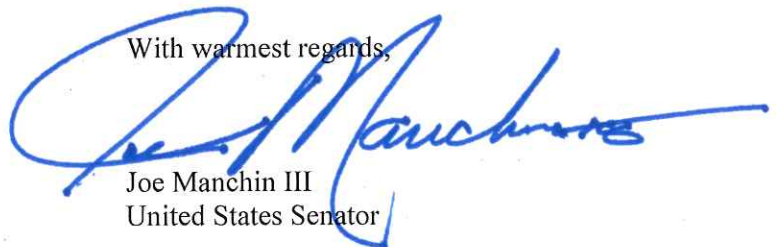
I am writing to express my support for the Wyoming County Commission, their project partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this grant opportunity will be utilized to support the Eastern Wyoming Public Service District Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and the Coal Mountain Waterline Extension Projects.

Specifically, the Eastern Wyoming Public Service District project would provide needed upgrades to the treatment plant so that a secondary water source using the Guyandotte River may be developed. The project consists of the construction of a river water intake screens and structures, raw water pumping, chemical addition, pre-sedimentation basins, treatment building, filtration, disinfection, clear well, backwash water facilities, and sludge handling and pumping systems. The Eastern Wyoming PSD provides service to more than 1,600 customers, including 107 commercial customers and continued provision of public water infrastructure would complement the efforts of the Pinnacle Creek Trail of the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System as stakeholders continue to develop recreational tourism opportunities.

The Coal Mountain Waterline Extension Project will consist of the construction of ten miles of eight-inch and smaller diameter waterline, two pump and pressure reducing stations, water tanks and related appurtenances to provide water service to 166 customers, including four commercial and four institutional, in the communities of Coal Mountain, Big Cub Branch, Upper Sturgeon Branch and Road Branch in Wyoming County. This project addresses high iron and Sulphur content in wells in addition to replacing the 1930's era coal camp system currently serving a portion of the area. This project has the potential to support tourism efforts at the nearby R.D. Bailey Lake and Wildlife Management Area.

I appreciate your noting my interest and 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 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