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The Honorable Penny Pritzker  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department Of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230-0001

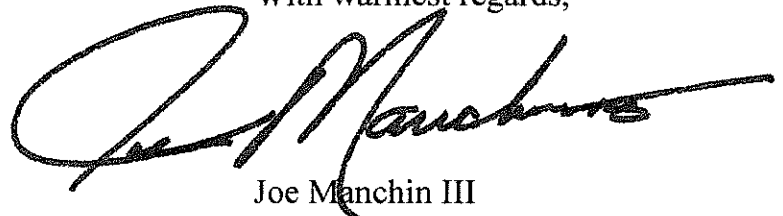
Dear Secretary Pritzker,

It has been brought to my attention that the Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community, including Northern West Virginia, is submitting a proposal to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) program.

The Greater Pittsburgh region's goals are to create over 14,000 new manufacturing jobs over the next 10 years, leveraging the metals and materials manufacturing competencies. In the birthplace of the American steel industry, this region has been a key driver of manufacturing innovation and technology adoption. The region will benefit greatly from IMCP designation as it aims to build on this historical strength, and to coordinate and leverage exceptional supplier networks, world class research facilities, rich and abundant energy resources, a robust system of river, rail and road infrastructure, and demonstrated success in public-private partnerships.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest in the Greater Pittsburgh-Northern West Virginia proposal and providing it a full and fair review. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III  
United States Senator

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