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Mrs. Linda Cruz-Carnall, Regional Director
U.S. Economic Development Administration
900 Market Street, Room 602
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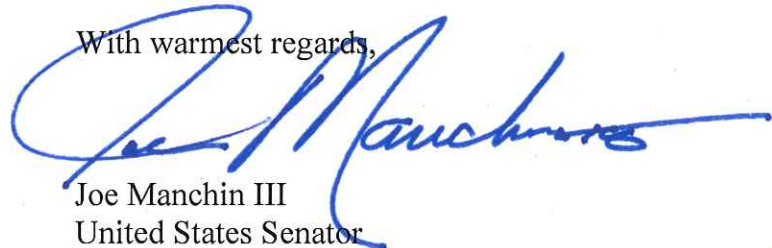
Dear Mrs. Cruz-Carnall,

I have been notified that the Raleigh County Airport Authority, with assistance provided by Region 1 Planning and Development Council and the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, is submitting a grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, under the Assistance to Coal Communities program.

I am writing to express my strong support for the Raleigh County Airport Authority, their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be used for the development of an industrial park at the airport that will include over 100 acres of developable commercial property. This industrial park will increase economic development activity in the aerospace and related industries in a region that continues to be negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal industry.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest and support of this application and providing it a full and fair review. I am proud to lend my support to projects that seek to create jobs, diversify the economy 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. I look forward to announcing this grant award with the EDA and local stakeholders in the near future. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator