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The Honorable Tim Thomas
Federal Co-Chair
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20009-1068

Dear Chairman Thomas,

I have been notified that Region 4 Planning and Development Council has submitted applications to the Appalachian Regional Commission under the Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

I am writing to express my support for Region 4 Planning and Development Council, their partners, and these applications. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be used to implement a program that creates communities of healing by cultivating business and entrepreneurs to address the opioid crisis across Central Appalachia. Additionally, a second application utilizes POWER funds for technical assistance for the "Mapping the Recovery Ecosystem" project that provides a road map to understand existing assets to identify gaps in recovery.

I appreciate your noting my support for these applications and providing them a full and fair review. I am proud to lend my support for projects like these that create opportunities in addition to recovery, promote entrepreneurship, and improve the lives of West Virginians. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator

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