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Mr. Robert Rice
Director
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Dear Mr. Rice,

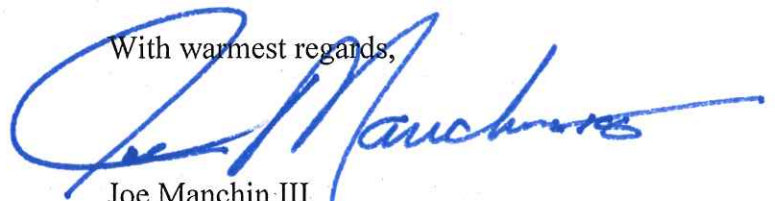
I have been alerted that Rustic Ravens Resort, in coordination with the Wayne County Development Authority, is submitting a grant application to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection under the 2019 Abandoned Mine Lands Economic and Community Development Pilot Program.

I am writing to express my support for Rustic Ravens Resort, their partners, and this application. I understand that, if approved, funding provided by this opportunity will be utilized for remediation and economic development efforts in Wayne County, West Virginia.

Specifically, these efforts would allow for the sealing of Priority II portals, area reclamation with conditioning and re-vegetation of these properties along Hurricane Brach Road in the Fleming community. The reclamation and redevelopment of these former mining properties will allow for the recreational expansion of the Rustic Ravines Resort that will lead to further growth in tourism for the area and in turn bring economic prosperity back to southern Wayne County.

I greatly appreciate your noting my interest in this application and providing it a full and fair review. I am proud to lend my support for this project and others like it that seek to spur economic growth, create jobs, promote tourism and recreation, 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

cc: Travis Parsons, WV DEP

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