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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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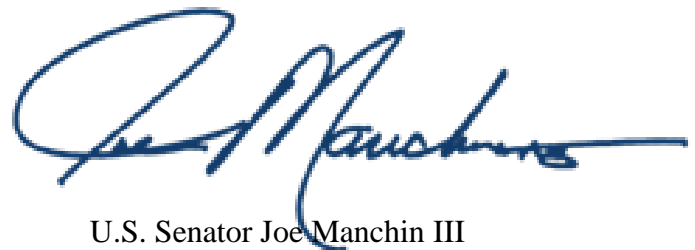
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I have been notified that the Monongalia County Commission has submitted an application to the United States Department of Transportation's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) program.

I write to express my support for the Monongalia County Commission's application. I understand that, if approved, the funding provided by this opportunity would support the I-79 Chaplin Hill Gateway Project. The I-79 Chaplin Hill Gateway is a vital project that will connect western Monongalia County to an important regional transportation artery, thereby increasing economic development opportunities and providing multimodal access to the facilities at the nearby Mylan Park. Additionally, it will increase accessibility, safety, and access to services such as health care for the county's residents by connecting I-79 to community resources through upgraded roads and bridges. The I-79 Chaplin Hill Gateway is a transformative project that would stimulate economic growth, improve connectivity, and enhance the overall well-being of Monongalia County's residents.

I am proud to support the Monongalia County Commission's efforts and I greatly appreciate you providing its application a full and fair review. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Vester in my Washington, D.C. office at 202-228-0437. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III

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