

Timeline of Senator Manchin's opposition to the AIR Act

- **May 22, 2018** – Senator Manchin [moved to strike the AIR Act](#) from the VA MISSION Act. While Senator Manchin supported the VA MISSION Act, he strongly opposed including the AIR Act that would reduce facilities and services for Veterans in West Virginia.
- **March 27, 2019** – Senator Manchin [introduced the Elimination of the VA Asset and Infrastructure Review \(AIR\) Commission of 2019 Act](#) to eliminate the commission and protect rural VA hospitals across West Virginia and the country.
- **March 15, 2022** – Senator Manchin [expressed concern](#) that all those who have been nominated to serve on the AIR Commission are from heavily populated urban areas and urged the Administration to make certain rural perspectives are taken into consideration by the Commission.
- **April 9, 2022** – Senator Manchin [led a group of twelve bipartisan Senators](#) in calling on President Biden to consult with Congress and local stakeholders on a state-by-state basis on the potential impacts the AIR Commission recommendations would have, especially on elderly Veterans.
- **April 18, 2022** – Senator Manchin [held a listening session](#) for West Virginia Veterans to discuss the VA AIR Commission's proposed changes to Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMCs) and voice their concerns with the potential impacts for Veterans care and services.
- **May 10, 2022** – Senator Manchin led the West Virginia Delegation in [calling on President Biden](#) to reject the VA recommendations to the AIR Commission, which include significant reductions in services at three of the four West Virginia VAMCs.
- **May 24, 2022**—Senator Manchin [reintroduced the Elimination of the VA Asset and Infrastructure Review \(AIR\) Commission Act](#) to eliminate the commission and protect rural VA hospitals across West Virginia and the country.
- **May 25, 2022**—Senator Manchin hosts a second tele-town hall with West Virginia Veterans to discuss the VA AIR Commission proposed changes to Veterans Affairs Medical Centers (VAMCs) and voice their concerns with the potential impacts for care and services for Veterans.