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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write today in support of the West Virginia Office of Energy's application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation grant competition.

I understand that, if approved, funding provided by the opportunity would support West Virginia's plans to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution. This project would support goals to implement GHG reduction strategies in four sectors that account for 94 percent of the state's GHG emissions: power generation, industry, transportation, and commercial and residential buildings. To achieve these goals, the funds would be used to make upgrades to West Virginia's existing coal fleet to increase efficiency, develop a carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) program to reduce emissions from existing coal and natural gas plants, and to pursue new baseload generation from natural gas and nuclear. Additionally, energy audits would be conducted and upgrades would be made at all state-owned buildings to improve energy efficiency. Implementing this project would mark a meaningful investment towards a future of efficient, sustainable energy infrastructure and clean air in Appalachia.

I am proud to support the West Virginia Energy Office in its efforts to secure this funding and greatly appreciate you providing its application a full and fair review. If you have 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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