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Mr. Randall Reid-Smith
Commissioner
West Virginia Division of Culture and History
The Culture Center, Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Boulevard E
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-1209

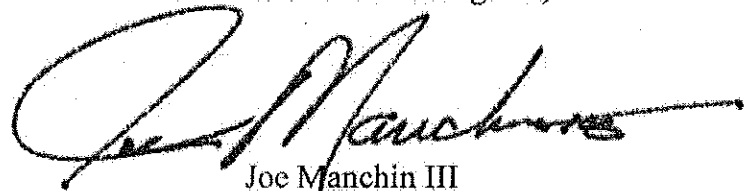
Dear Commissioner Reid-Smith,

I have been alerted that the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission (JCPRC) has submitted a grant proposal to the West Virginia Commission on the Arts for the purpose of implementing Phase 1 of the Sam Michael's Park Amphitheater project.

I am writing to express my support for the JCPRC and this application. The addition of an amphitheater to JCPRC's comprehensive package of programs will undoubtedly enhance economic growth and cultural enrichment in Jefferson County. It will honor the culture and history of the property while seeding a more prosperous future for the County and its residents. This is a fantastic opportunity to let the arts take center stage as an economic engine in the Eastern Panhandle.

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 initiative and others like it that seek to promote economic opportunities in West Virginia. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator

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