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December 4, 2020

The Honorable Joe Manchin, III  
United States Senator  
900 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Suite 629  
Charleston, WV 25302

## **Re: Omnibus Spending Bill and COVID-19 Relief Funding**

Dear Senator Manchin:

We have been following news reports regarding the potential for a massive omnibus spending bill that would include COVID-19 relief funding. We want to first thank you for the first round of COVID-19 stimulus funding and the support you provided for local government through this funding. Without question, the support you provided saved lives and helped mitigate suffering throughout the State of West Virginia due to this pandemic.

The second round of funding being discussed is critical for local government. During the first round, local government was promised 45% of the aid, but in West Virginia were allocated less than 14%.

Local governments must receive funding to help support their first responder agencies including, law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire departments, and 911. These agencies have been fighting this pandemic on the front lines since day one. As you well know, the pandemic is becoming worse, and we fear that the loss will be incalculable and the winter will be brutal. Our first responders will be significantly impacted.

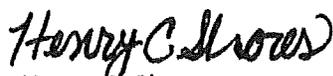
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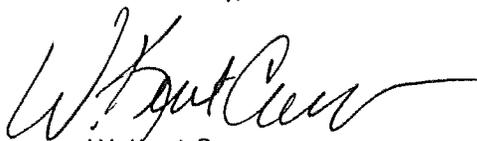


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The Honorable Alex Mooney  
United States Congressman  
405 Capitol Street  
Suite 306  
Charleston, WV 25301

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator  
500 Virginia Street, East  
Charleston, WV 25301

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