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Governor Jim Justice

Clean Up West Virginia

Good morning, Sir

Since taking office in January of 2021, I have made it a priority to clean up our county. I set out to do this using several different avenues. We need to clean up drugs, so I recently assigned 2 deputies to the Metro Drug Unit to combat the drug issue. We are currently purchasing a k9 to aid in this battle. In my almost thirty years in law enforcement, I have learned that drugs and crime run hand and hand with dilapidated properties and unmaintained areas.

Sir, with this being said, I have started an effort to enforce a law currently in code regarding abandoned and junk vehicles in our county. This law authorizes any enforcement agency to take action on abandoned and or junk vehicles. As you are well aware, our state and my county has literally thousands of these eyesores dotting our beautiful landscape leading to the undeserved stereotype of our people. These junk and abandoned vehicle are more than an eyesore, they create a negative economic impact as well as a negative environmental impact.

Governor, I ask for your assistance in this matter. I ask that you direct the WVDEP to act on this and truly make it a priority to clean up West Virginia.

Bobby Eggleton
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