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Mr. Sterling Lewis Jr., State Fire Marshal
West Virginia Fire Commission
Office of the State Fire Marshal
1207 Quarrier Street, 2nd Floor
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Re: State Energy Program

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am attaching the relevant provisions of the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA). As a condition of receiving our State's share of \$3.1 billion in State Energy Program (SEP) funds, our State must demonstrate that we are taking certain actions to implement certain building energy codes for commercial and residential buildings and develop a plan to achieve compliance with said codes. I encourage you to take appropriate steps consistent with this federal statute. I have also requested our State energy director to work with the appropriate State and local code officials to develop implementation plans.

As a State we are committed to a robust energy efficiency program. This is especially important for buildings that will be part of our housing stock for decades to come.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

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cc: Jeff Herholdt, Director
West Virginia Division of Energy