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A. David Hamill
Mayor
City of Ranson
312 S. Mildred St
Ranson, WV 25438

Dear Mayor,

As governor, I applaud support the City of Ranson's Brownfield Area-wide Planning Pilot Program. Progress has been made toward the revitalization of vacant factories and the surrounding dilapidated housing. In addition, the city has shown real leadership in tackling this long-standing problem and another round of United States Environmental Protection Agency funding would assist the continuance of this progress.

I commend the city's comprehensive approach towards restoring the economic prosperity of these former industrial areas. Often, we neglect to acknowledge that closed factories can cause economic decline in adjacent neighborhoods. I am confident that this grant will enable the city to continue its redevelopment efforts.

Sincerely,

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

Joe Manchin III
Governor