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The Honorable Gayle Manchin
Federal Co-Chair
Appalachian Regional Commission
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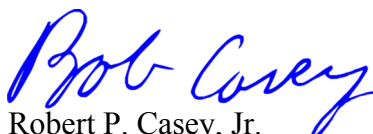
Dear Co-Chair Manchin:

I write in support of the Green Building Alliance's (GBA's) *Establishing a Regional Green Building Supply Chain for Upper Appalachia* funding request to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies (ARISE) planning grant. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

I have been told that GBA has been working to create a sustainable, healthy, and just future for all through reimagining the built environment. It is my understanding that, with decades of experience, GBA and its project partners will lead an innovative effort to put Upper Appalachia at the forefront of the green building supply chain. I have been informed that there is increased demand within the green building supply chain. As the demand for a healthy and resilient built environment increases, so does the need for new materials, products, and systems. Establishing regional supply chains to meet this growing demand impacts people, industry, and the economy throughout the region and across the country. GBT has shared with me that its *Establishing a Regional Green Building Supply Chain for Upper Appalachia* proposal will ensure that communities and individuals throughout Upper Appalachia can equitably partake in and benefit from the growth of the green building supply chain. GBT has stated that this project will accelerate and further develop the products, services, and successful workforce pipeline to address the needs of both the commercial and residential building sectors.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator