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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 31, 2024

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

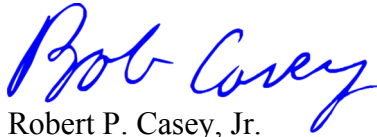
I write today in support of the application submitted by Pittsburgh's Partnership for Resilient Schools for funding from the 2024 Renew America's School Prize program administered by the Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

Pittsburgh's Partnership for Resilient Schools is seeking funding to enable Pittsburgh Public Schools and Wilkesburg School District to upgrade its school facilities to meet the rapidly changing needs of its students, including the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, a shrinking student population, and decreasing tax revenue. I have been informed that Pittsburgh Public Schools has begun the difficult task of identifying schools for potential closure to adapt to its new funding realities and circumstances and that funding from the Renew America's School Prize will ease the transition for students and families by ensuring that receiving schools are energy efficient, resilient, and ready to meet the needs of students.

It is my understanding that Pittsburgh's Partnership for Resilient Schools is collaborating with Pittsburgh Public Schools, Wilkesburg School District, Green Building Alliance (GBA), and TEN on these efforts, and that the funding requested will enable the school districts to catch up on deferred maintenance, ensure receiving schools provide an energy efficient and safe learning environment, and increase the percentage of air-conditioned schools in disadvantaged communities.

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) 224-6324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator