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**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear 2020 Mountaineer Boys State Participants,

It is both an honor and a privilege to welcome you to the 83<sup>rd</sup> American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. As some of the most accomplished and intelligent men in our state, you have been granted this opportunity to work on and learn about critical issues in our local and state government. This week fosters an environment to educate our state's future leaders on our legislative and judicial processes and show how vital they are to our state and country's future success.

You will be amongst many others who have walked the hollowed grounds of beautiful Jackson's Mill. Boys State is among one of the most renowned institutional programs for young men to gain valuable experience within the realm of public service and leadership skills. Our program is the second oldest charter in the country, and continues to instill West Virginia Appalachian values in our high school seniors. I hope that you are able to both enjoy and appreciate the experiences and memories you create this week, as many great West Virginians before you have done.

My father, former Governor Arch A. Moore Jr., considered Boys State essential to the mission of bringing up our youth with Appalachian values. The knowledge and skills gained from this program help participants obtain an appreciation for how truly fortunate we are to be West Virginians, and helps our future leaders boldly face the challenges of tomorrow.

The task of leadership begins and ends with service, and I believe that crucial value is instilled in the hearts of the young men here today. I wish you all well on your individual paths, as you pursue your passions in your respective fields. I truly hope that your time at Boys State is fantastic, full of fond memories and impactful experiences. It is an honor to serve you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Moore Capito".

Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator