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GREETINGS FROM JOE MANCHIN III UNITED STATES SENATOR

83rd American Legion Mountaineer Boys State

On behalf of the citizens of the Mountain State and as your United States Senator, it is my distinct honor to join you in celebrating the 83rd year of the American Legion Boys State program. Year after year, I have proudly watched countless young men who participated in Boys State become leaders in communities across West Virginia and beyond.

Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for our youth. I am so proud that our Boys State program, the second oldest charter in the nation, has been held at beautiful Jackson's Mill since 1936. Ours is the only program in the country that can claim this rich tradition. That is one of the many things that make our state stand out from the rest of the country — the people of West Virginia are hardworking, loyal patriots who take great pride in keeping the history and values of our state alive. This program has always supported that tradition of excellence and upholding the values we hold dear.

To our future leaders: you are the next generation of innovators and creators — and we are counting on you to contribute to create an even greater state and nation than we have today. Thank you for devoting your time to learning about our government and making a difference in our country.

I sincerely thank the many dedicated members of the American Legion who host this prestigious event every year. I wholly appreciate the important work you do to develop the leaders of tomorrow by teaching them the values of God and Country. May God bless you and may God continue to bless the Great State of West Virginia.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Manchin III".

Joe Manchin III
United States Senator