

# United States Senate

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Dear 2023 Mountaineer Boys State Participants,

It is both an honor and a privilege to welcome you to the 84<sup>th</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 learn about critical issues in our local and state government, plus attempt to find better ways for us to address these issues. This week fosters an environment to educate our state's future leaders regarding our legislative and judicial processes and show how vital they are to our state and country's future.

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

The task of leadership begins and ends with service, and I hope that the importance of service 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,



Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator