



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC

GREETINGS FROM JOE MANCHIN III

UNITED STATES SENATOR

85th 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 85th 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.

The people of West Virginia are hardworking, loyal patriots who take great pride in keeping the history and values that define us alive. Truly, we are a proud people with a proud tradition –no one can ever take that away from us. As one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction for our youth, Boys State has always supported the tradition of excellence necessary to uphold the values we hold dear. American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, the second oldest charter in the nation, has been held in this same historic area since 1936 and retains a valuable connection to our state's past – all while shaping our future.

To our future leaders: the world is counting on you 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. As you enter adulthood, remember to always be proud of where you come from and give back to the communities that shaped you.

I deeply appreciate all of the leaders, volunteers and sponsors of Boys State who have dedicated their time, energy and resources to making this event such a success every year. Your efforts to develop the leaders of tomorrow by teaching them the values of God and Country is most certainly a noble cause.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joe Manchin III
United States Senator