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GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

As Governor of West Virginia, I am honored to be a part of this exciting announcement for Shepherd University. I regret that I cannot join you in person today, but assure you that I share your enthusiasm and commitment to higher education in the Mountain State.

In today's global economy and highly competitive job market, a college education has never been more important. It is truly a lifeline, not only to individual success, but also to the future of our state and all West Virginians. By investing in our higher education institutions we are creating more attractive facilities for our brightest students, while at the same time building a positive economic climate that draws in new businesses.

Our colleges and universities are working tirelessly to improve life in West Virginia, and I commend Shepherd University for leading these efforts. I applaud this institution for taking steps toward keeping public education affordable, without losing focus on providing a high-quality education. The Shepherd University Campaign represents the very best that a public/private partnership can bring to our state universities and illustrates this community's commitment to our future leaders.

I extend my sincerest thanks to all of the Campaign Chairs and volunteers who dedicated their time, knowledge and financial support to the success of this project and congratulate your achievements.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

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