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BROADBAND

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The sad fact is that many people in West Virginia simply do not have access to reliable broadband. The lack of access affects West Virginians every day. Back in 2017, the FCC released a coverage report that stated 99.9% of Americans had wireless coverage. I know what I know now: That is just wrong.

HOW MANY V HELP YOU

To request assistance from my case team, [click here](#).

As your U.S. Senator, I am committed to be your voice with government agencies during your time of need. My goal is for me and my staff



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on: manchin.senate.gov/coronavirus

WORKING FOR YOU

DECEMBER 27, 2020: MANCHIN STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNING COVID-19 RELIEF BILL
Charleston, WV – This evening, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement after President Trump signed the COVID-19 emergency relief bill passed by Congress last week.

provide the best possible service for every West Virginian who contacts me needing assistance. While I have no jurisdiction in legal or administrative matters of a federal, state, or local agency, we welcome the opportunity to assist you in any way possible and assure that full consideration is given to your case. See our success stories below:

Ms. Freda Graham, from West Virginia, contacted Senator Manchin for assistance with Veteran survivor benefits. Freda's husband passed away in early Spring 2020, and she had been denied survivor benefits from the VA. As a result of Caseworker Kim Berry's assistance, Freda was granted survivor benefits backdated to June

From the Hill to the Mountains

[JANUARY 05, 2021: MANCHIN AND MOORE CAPITO ANNOUNCE DAI REHABILITATION FUNDING FOR MERCER COUNTY](#)

Washington, DC – U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Sen. Moore Capito (R-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced \$3,739,700 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the Supplemental Watershed Plan Brush Creek watershed in southern West Virginia. The funding is authorized by the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act and will restore damage done to a control dam constructed in Mercer County.

"Many areas of our state have been impacted by devastating floods over the years, taking precious lives, homes and livelihoods from our fellow Virginians. Ensuring the safety of our people and businesses will continue to be a top priority."

"I am relieved the President has signed our bipartisan relief bill. I hope these emergency benefits can be quickly distributed to keep Americans fed, housed and our small businesses operating."

[DECEMBER 27, 2020 BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL GROUP "908 COALITION" TO PRESIDENT TRUMP: SIGN RELIEF PACKAGE OR VETO IMMEDIATELY](#)

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Susan Collins (R-ME), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Angus King (I-ME), Mitt Romney (R-UT), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), and Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Problem Solvers Caucus Co-Chairs Representatives Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5) and Tom Reed (R-NY-23) again urged President Trump to sign the COVID-19 emergency relief package.

"Mr. President, we are asking you to please sign the emergency relief bill. This act will show your support for the American people who are in need of emergency lifelines like food, shelter, unemployment benefits and small business relief during these challenging times.

"However, if your objection to the COVID-19 relief bill will prevent you from signing, please veto it immediately. You've made your position clear and rejecting it quickly will allow those in favor to act before it is too late.

"Never before in your personal, professional, or political life have you been characterized as a man of inaction. Now is not the time to sit idly by - please do the right thing and sign or veto this bill immediately."

TESTING

Some testing sites require a physician's order before testing. To report your [symptoms](#) and be directed to one of the available testing sites, contact your primary care doctor or a designated hotline for your area. If you have gone through these steps and are still having problems getting a test, please email me at common_sense@manchin.senate.gov and a member of my staff will reach out to you to see if we can assist.

[Click here to view our list of verified testing locations.](#)

[Add or update your organization's testing location and hours.](#)

For a listing of one-day, weekly, and drive-through pharmacy testing, visit the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources website: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/pages/testing.aspx>

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mine," said Senator Manchin. "The funding will help address the needs of the Brush Creek Watershed in Mercer County and ensure continued protection for our homes and businesses. I am pleased the USDA has acknowledged the urgency of the repair and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee will continue to advocate for funding that helps our state manage our aging infrastructure."

[JANUARY 04, 2021: MANCHIN STATEMENT ON WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD CHANGE OF COMMAND](#)

Charleston, WV – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) today released the following statement on the West Virginia National Guard Change of Command which signifies the transition of leadership from General James Hoyer to General Bill Crane.

"The Change of Command ceremony held today signifies the end of General Hoyer's leadership of the West Virginia National Guard and the start of General Crane's time as the Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard. Since 1983, General Hoyer served West Virginia and the United States admirably and I commend him and his wife Amy well on their future endeavors. I look forward to working with General Crane in his new role as Adjutant General as he leads our brave servicemembers and wish his wife Jennifer luck as she begins on this new role."

[JANUARY 01, 2021: MANCHIN STATEMENT ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAGO MINE DISASTER](#)

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement ahead of the 15th anniversary of the Sago mine disaster.

"Fifteen years ago, we lost 38 brave coal miners who were working at the Sago mine and

RESOURCES

Our office is working diligently to bring you the most up-to-date information as it becomes available. Click the links below for more information. All information regarding resources and more can be found on Senator Manchin's website.

[Unemployment & Direct Payments](#)

[Veterans Assistance](#)

[Basic Needs](#)

[Business Assistance](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[Feeling Ill?](#)

[WV 211:](#)

United Way of West Virginia provides an important service to West Virginians by helping users navigate the vast number of resources available to aid with healthcare issues, food shortages, mental health questions and more. This program is more important now than ever as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic and I commend United Way for continuing to serve their fellow West Virginians through this time.

United Way's new 2-1-1 will make information on a wide variety of local support services more accessible across our entire state," said United Way of Central WV President, Margaret O'Neal. "Whether it's information for locating a health clinic, finding child care programs, or getting housing assistance, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, go-to resource for individuals and families.

To utilize these resources West Virginians can:

Call 2-1-1

Text your zip code to 898-211

Visit <http://www.wv211.org/contact>

Call toll-free 1-833-848-9905

All information is available and updated daily

returned home to their families. In a state, we came together in tragedy to grieve the loss of our fellow West Virginians and their families and loved ones who were those lost. After the disaster, West Virginia worked hard to pass legislation that improved safety standards for our miners who have mined the coal that made West Virginia the leader we are today. This disaster anniversary reminds us that coal miners risk their lives every day to power our nation, and we must prioritize their health, safety, and security. I will continue to fight to make sure no family suffers this terrible loss ever again. Gayle and I will keep the families and loved ones of those two brave West Virginians in our thoughts and prayers."

JANUARY 01, 2021: MANCHIN VOTES TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENT TRUMP'S VETO OF THE DEFENSE BILL

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, voted to override President Trump's veto of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. The Senate voted 81-13 to override President Trump's veto of the FY21 NDAA. Senator Manchin condemned President Trump's reckless decision to veto the vital legislation last month.

"I am relieved the Senate voted overwhelmingly today to override President Trump's reckless and selfish veto of the NDAA. For six decades, the NDAA has been passed with overwhelming bipartisan support – proving that even in the most divisive times Congress can come together to support our servicemembers and their families while also ensuring America and our allies are secure and protected. I want to thank my Democratic colleagues and most importantly my Republican colleagues for choosing country over party and overriding President Trump's veto of this important legislation."

on manchin.senate.gov/coronavirus.

Treasury and IRS begin delivering second round of Economic Impact Payments to millions of Americans

On December 29, the IRS and the Treasury Department began delivering a second round of Economic Impact Payments as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 to millions of Americans who received the first round of payments earlier this year.

The Internal Revenue Service has urged people to visit [IRS.gov](https://irs.gov) for the most current information on the second round of Economic Impact Payments rather than calling the agency or their financial institutions or tax software providers. IRS phone assistants do not have additional information beyond what's available on IRS.gov.

[Learn more at IRS.gov](https://irs.gov) .

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member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I will continue to fight for our servicemembers and West Virginia priorities to ensure our nation is protected from threats at home and abroad.

[DECEMBER 30, 2020: MANCHIN VOTES TO MOVE FORWARD TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENT TRUMP'S VETO OF DEFENSE BILL](#)

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) voted today to move forward in the process to override President Trump's veto of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act. The Senate voted 80-12 in favor of moving forward in the process to override President Trump's veto. Senator Manchin condemned President Trump's reckless decision to veto the vital legislation last week.

"This evening, the Senate overwhelmingly voted to move forward in the process to override President Trump's reckless and selfish veto of the FY21 NDAA. This is the first step in ensuring our servicemembers receive the support they need to protect America from threats at home and abroad. The NDAA passed with overwhelming bipartisan support for six days, and while the override is not yet, I am relieved the Senate came together to support our servicemembers and their families and ensure America and our allies are secure and protected."

[DECEMBER 27, 2020: BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL GROUP "908 COALITION" DEMANDS PRESIDENT TRUMP: SIGN RELIEF PACKAGE OR VETO IMMEDIATELY](#)

Washington, DC – Today, Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Susan Collins (R-ME), Bill Latak (R-LA), Jeanne Shaheen (I-NH), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), King (I-ME), Mitt Romney (R-UT), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH), announced the formation of a bipartisan, bicameral group of 908 members of Congress who demand President Trump sign a relief package or veto immediately.

Durbin (D-IL) and Problem Caucus Co-Chairs Represented by Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5) ; Reed (R-NY-23) again urge President Trump to sign the COVID-19 emergency relief package.

[DECEMBER 24, 2020: MANCHIN RELEASES STATEMENT ON CHANGES TO CLARKSBURG VA](#)

Charleston, WV – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, released the following statement on the announced changes regarding the A. Johnson VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Clarksburg.

"It was time for a leadership change at the Clarksburg VA for the sake of our Veterans and well-being. The recent announced safety standards are further evidence that there are serious issues at the Clarksburg VA facility. My main concern continues to be monitoring the quality of care our Veterans receive at our West Virginia VAMCs. I hope this will be a good start for our Veterans and their loved ones. My heart goes out to these Veterans and their families who will be impacted in the coming of an already difficult holiday season."

[DECEMBER 23, 2020: MANCHIN WISHES WEST VIRGINIA MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

Charleston, WV – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement wishing West Virginians a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

"Gayle and I would like to wish West Virginians and Americans a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. The COVID-19 pandemic has tested us all this year but also shown us once again the resilient West Virginians and how we support one another through difficult times. We hope this year we'll be celebrating the

holidays with our families and loved ones again.

"During the Christmas season, Gayle and I are reminded of the importance of family - the source of life's greatest joys and deepest bonds. I hope West Virginians create new traditions with their loved ones that keep us all safe and healthy. This holiday season, we encourage everyone to join in praying for the safety of our West Virginians, front line workers and healthcare professionals. My parents taught me that if you count your blessings, you can share your blessings. As the year comes to a close, let us all reflect on our blessings and look forward to a healthy, happy, and safe New Year."

[DECEMBER 23, 2020 MANCHIN STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SELF-SERVING RECKLESS DECISION TO VETO FY21 NDAA](#)

Charleston, WV – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released the following statement on President Trump's unpatriotic decision to veto the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, which was passed by Congress earlier this month.

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