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Giulia Siccardo
Director, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Siccardo,

I write today in support of Boston Metal's application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains' Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grants Program (DE-FOA-002907).

I understand that, if approved, funding provided by the opportunity would assist in the development of a state-of-the-art metallurgical plant to produce multiple high-purity alloys in Weirton, West Virginia. The proposed facility will introduce to production of these alloys in the U.S., thereby strengthening and securing U.S. supply chains given that Russian and Chinese firms currently produce two-thirds of global supply. It would also leverage Boston Metal's advanced process technologies to produce higher purity metals at a lower cost than other global sources. Additionally, this project would create 200 new jobs and would revitalize Weirton, an Appalachian energy community, through its \$161 million investment. It would also empower workers through Boston Metal's partnerships with the West Virginia Northern Community College, West Virginia Women Work, and TEAM for West Virginia Children. If awarded, this grant would catalyze a transformational project that would reinvigorate our nation's industrial base and maximize the benefits of the nation's pivot towards more secure and reliable supply chains in West Virginia.

I am proud to support Boston Metal in its efforts to secure this funding and greatly appreciate you providing its application a full and fair review. If you have questions, please contact Ben Vester in my Washington, D.C. office at 202-228-0437. Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Joe Manchin III

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