



*United States Senate*  
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## **GREETINGS FROM JOE MANCHIN III UNITED STATES SENATOR**

On behalf of the citizens of the Mountain State and as your United States Senator, it is my distinct honor to join you for this symposium: Building Flooding Resiliency in West Virginia Communities.

If we expect to protect the health and well-being of our communities, it is essential to initiate efforts that will shelter our citizens from the effects of devastating natural disasters. As we all know, flooding can wreak havoc on the communities we call home, especially high-risk flood zone areas. Resiliency upgrades do more than protect against property damage – they bring comfort and stability to local residents.

As West Virginians, we know that we must be prepared for any weather-related storm that comes our way. This symposium helps us accomplish just that. Together, you are bringing all aspects of flood recovery together in one room. As your former Governor and now as your United States Senator, I will continue advocating for resources to protect the health and safety of our loved ones. Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

I thank all those here today who work to implement long-term, productive, problem-solving solutions for West Virginia. Your time, energy and resources are greatly valued. Please accept my best wishes for what is sure to be a wonderful symposium. 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".

Joe Manchin III  
United States Senator