



WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
STATE CAPITOL
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

November 5, 2025

The Honorable Dr. Mehmet Oz

Subject: Letter of Support – West Virginia’s RHT Program Application

Dear Administrator Oz,

We write to express our strong support for the State of West Virginia’s application to the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program.

As the elected officials representing the people of West Virginia, we recognize the vital importance of rural communities to our state and the health and economic challenges they face. Thanks to President Trump and Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s leadership, the RHT Program is a chance to reverse these negative trends and make West Virginia Healthy Again.

West Virginia’s “Health to Prosperity” vision is designed to improve access to care and promote economic opportunity. We look forward to working with Governor Morrisey to implement the WV RHT Program’s initiatives:

1. *Connected Care Grid* will bring healthcare access directly to people—both in person and digitally—by integrating telehealth, remote monitoring, and local care coordination.
2. *Rural Health Link* will unify medical and community transportation into a one-stop system so distance and mobility are never barriers to care.
3. *Mountain State Care Force* will train and retain West Virginia’s own future providers while also attracting top clinical talent.
4. *Smart Care Catalyst* will equip rural providers with payment and data tools that free time for patients and sustain small-practice viability.
5. *Health to Prosperity Pipeline* will connect recovery, care management, and employment programs to help every West Virginian find work and prosperity.
6. *Personal Health Accelerator* will empower West Virginians to lead healthy, productive lives through prevention, nutrition, and exercise.
7. *HealthTech Appalachia* will incubate leap-frog technologies that improve outcomes and generate growth, establishing West Virginia as a hub for health innovation.

West Virginia’s plan was formed through collaboration and built on local knowledge. We are confident this vision will transform the lives of rural West Virginians for the better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Randy Smith".

Honorable Randy Smith
President, WV Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Roger Hanshaw".

Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker, WV House of Delegates