

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Dr. Mehmet Oz
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Administrator
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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.

Rural communities lie at the heart of West Virginia's identity and culture. But, for far too long, the health and economic needs of America's rural citizens have not received the attention they have required. From persistently high rates of chronic disease to the debilitating impact of the opioid epidemic, rural West Virginia has struggled to ensure our constituents receive the care they deserve.

The RHT Program was established with our input in President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act (Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21) which passed with each of our full support. Its intent is to strengthen rural communities across America by transforming the health care delivery ecosystem. As West Virginia's federal delegation, we were proud to support this unprecedented investment in our nation's rural health care system and remain committed to ensuring the program delivers the transformational change it promises.

We believe West Virginia's RHT Program application aligns with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' goal to *Make Rural America Healthy Again*. It does so by improving health care access and outcomes, leveraging innovative technologies and care delivery models, and creating sustainable systems that link health, work, and prosperity. This proposal represents a bold, statewide plan to modernize rural health care, expand access to timely, high-quality services, and align health improvement with economic opportunity.

West Virginia's RHT application, built on a foundation of deep statewide collaboration, is designed to address the real-world needs of our people. We believe these investments will succeed in creating lasting, transformational change and ask that this application be given every consideration.

Sincerely,



Shelly Moore Capito
United States Senator



James C. Justice III
United States Senator



Carol Miller
Member of Congress



Riley Moore
Member of Congress