

United States Senate

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Ms. Kelly Cummins
Acting Director
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Acting Director Cummins,

I write in regards to the Savion's application for funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) opportunity: Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land (CEML). This funding would support the development of a 250 MW utility-scale photovoltaics facility and 75 MW of energy storage on a former Massey surface coal mine in Nicholas County, West Virginia.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I am proud to have spearheaded this bipartisan legislation that directly invests in our nation's infrastructure needs. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide transformational support to our communities, and I am happy to see the positive effects this legislation is already having in West Virginia.

This approximately \$411 million investment is expected to create an estimated 400 construction jobs for people who were formerly employed in the coal industry. Savion indicates it has partnered with the Mana Group to lead stakeholder engagement in the community and the New River Community and Technical College will lead the workforce development efforts for the project. Once completed, the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) will lead a study on this coal-to-solar project to establish guidelines that will allow for similar projects to be replicated across the country.

It is more important than ever that we encourage domestic manufacturing and support our nation's energy needs, which is why I am writing in support of Savion's application. I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities, working in West Virginia. Please give this application your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator