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**Re: Eviction of Rockwool or the Democrats. Your choice.**

Dear Senator Manchin:

As you are probably aware, I authored an exposé of the Rockwool project that was published in Forbes. I strongly encourage you to read the entire piece, [Rockwool: Three Truths and a Lie about the Economic Development Game](#) as well its prequel [How to Stop a Toxic Factory by Cutting off it's Energy Supply](#).

In the latest piece, I challenged you to make a full-throated, whole-hearted defense of Jefferson County, WV against the Rockwool project. As I demonstrate conclusively, there were significant and substantial improprieties in the process. We lost a beautiful, popular Transit Oriented Development ("TOD") that was intended to include homes, commercial space and specialized industrial uses in order to create 3,500 jobs. Instead, we got heavy industry on the site that will only create 150 jobs.

Your [statement yesterday asking the EPA to "support discussions" with Rockwool](#) was tone-deaf and disheartening. In particular, your statement that "our economy and environment can be balanced" completely misses the issue. The Rockwool project has the potential to destroy our economy, which is based on tourism, education, light industry and commuting to Washington, DC.

Based on my personal experience, I consider you an exceptional public servant. I know you have a big heart and deep concern for the well-being of your constituents. I believe you are underestimating the urgency of this issue. I am spending way too much time on social media trying to convince my friends and neighbors to vote for you, which should not be an issue, given your competition. I'm sincerely afraid you are going to lose if you do not act.

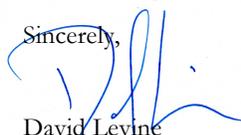
In Jefferson County, it's going to be about mobilizing your base. There is only one way to do that in this election, and it's to stand with us firmly against Rockwool. I know you are concerned that you'll appear anti-business, but trust me, nobody believes you're anti-business and nobody outside Jefferson County cares about this issue.

So, I need to make this very easy for you. You will be in Shepherdstown on September 20<sup>th</sup> for a visit to Shepherd University. I would like a 30-minute private meeting to explain the situation. On September 27<sup>th</sup> you will be headlining the Rally in the Panhandle. I would like to introduce you. I will do everything I can to get everyone I can to that event. At the end of the event, I will ask my friends and neighbors on social media if they believe you are doing everything in your power to prevent Rockwool from locating in Jefferson County.

If we believe you are, we will work as hard as we can to get you elected. If not, I will be evicting the Berkeley County Democratic Party from their headquarters at 224 W. King Street in Martinsburg, a building I own. The Party does not have a lease, as I have donated the space. I will then be able to focus on evicting Rockwool from Jefferson County without being distracted by the belief that my elected officials are supporting the community that I love.

You are at the top of the ticket. You have a lot of power. I have no power beyond my personal property, and I am willing to use it if I have to.

Sincerely,



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