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Dr. Thomas C. Hood  
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Dear Dr. Hood:

Thank you for contacting my office. I appreciate your thoughts and concerns, and particularly the time you took to send them to me.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the Director of Legislative Affairs in my office for further review.

Please accept my most sincere best wishes for the future.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

Joe Manchin III  
Governor

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