

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 17, 2015

The Honorable Penny Pritzker  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Pritzker:

I am pleased to provide this support letter for the Greater Pittsburgh Metals Manufacturing Community Proposal to Investing in Manufacturing Communities (IMCP) for the U.S. Department of Commerce IMCP designation. Northern West Virginia should and can play an invaluable role in the enterprise.

With a primary goal to create over 14,000 new manufacturing jobs within the next ten years, the Greater Pittsburgh- Northern West Virginia region is poised to play a major role in metals manufacturing and U.S. exports. The region has a firm vision to utilize the metals and materials in the area, IMCP designation creates sustained job growth in new manufacturing fields. Historically, Greater Pittsburgh has been at the heart of American metal manufacturing. As the birthplace of American steel, the area can build upon existing strong supplier networks, vast energy resources, diverse infrastructure options, excellent research facilities and successes in public-private partnerships. The Greater Pittsburgh- Northern West Virginia region will prove metals make American manufacturing. Upon designation, the area can create a tremendous sustained manufacturing environment greatly benefiting the region and nation.

I respectfully ask that you give the application all due consideration. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator