

*Joe Manchin III*  
WEST VIRGINIA



*United States Senate*  
WASHINGTON, DC

***GREETING FROM JOE MANCHIN III***  
***UNITED STATES SENATOR***

On behalf of the citizens of the Mountain State, and as your United States Senator, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chestnut Festival in beautiful Rowlesburg.

I thank all of this year's organizers, the Chestnut Festival Committee, the countless volunteers, and the many sponsors who have dedicated their time, energy, and resources to make this annual event a true success.

This popular festival plays an important role in this region's economy and tourism industry. In addition, this event has something for all ages to enjoy, from live music to various vendors with unique gifts to the Throwing Chestnuts-in-the-Well Contest. Be sure to save time to watch one of the Chestnut peeling machine demonstrations and view the history displays, as you enjoy some tasty treats.

Through more than 200 annual fairs and festivals, plus various other annual events, West Virginia residents keep our unique history and rich Appalachian culture alive and well. Events, like the Annual Chestnut Festival, bring communities together and carry this important tradition from one generation to the next. When I was younger, I looked forward to attending fairs and festivals because it was not only a fun-filled family outing, but also a great educational experience. That is still the case today.

Once again, welcome to Rowlesburg. I truly hope that you enjoy this opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship!

With warmest regards,

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

Joe Manchin III  
United States Senator