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COMMISSIONER AND RITA HELMICK OFFER CONDOLENCES
ON PASSING OF MARY MANCHIN

Rita and I offer our deepest condolences to our good friend U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin and his entire family on the
passing of his mother, Mary Manchin.

Throughout our years working together in the State Senate and beyond, I saw the many strong values that she and
his father instilled in Sen. Manchin.

She was a tremendous mother of five children and a tremendous West Virginian for 91 years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Manchin family at this time.

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