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Mr. Greg Babe
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Dear Greg,

I was troubled to hear the news of lay-offs at Bayer's plant in Institute. I believe the 220 West Virginians who will be affected by this decision are dedicated workers who have been loyal to Bayer and who have done their best to contribute to the success of your operations. However, I would appreciate that Bayer do everything possible to help these workers deal with the unexpected loss of their jobs. I ask you to consider their outstanding service to Bayer during this process.

Institute has been the proud home of Bayer for many years, and the loss of these jobs will have a devastating impact on the economy of the Kanawha Valley. It is my hope that you will personally do whatever possible to preserve as many of these jobs as possible, and that you will continue to consider other options which would allow Bayer to continue to employ these hard working men and women. Every job that could be saved would be good news despite the consequences of the larger decision your company has made.

Greg, please know that I am encouraged to hear that you are actively engaged in trying to attract new tenants to both Institute and New Martinsville, which would result in additional investment in West Virginia. I urge you to do whatever it takes to make this happen.

West Virginia is very proud of our long association with your world-class company and I very much want to see this relationship grow and prosper. I stand ready to assist in any way that I possibly can.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller IV