



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV

U.S. Senator
1985-Present

A Record of Achievement for West Virginia

“ Jay Rockefeller has impressed every person in this body...as a man who is dedicated to the service of the people of West Virginia and the people of the nation...He has integrity. He is candid, forthright, honest to a fault, conscientious, effective...”

Robert C. Byrd, Senate floor speech, October 1988

U.S. Senate Service & Leadership for West Virginia

Senator Jay Rockefeller has served as the United States Senator for West Virginia since 1985. Rockefeller first came to West Virginia in 1964 as a VISTA worker in the small coal mining town of Emmons. There, his “moral compass” was set, and Rockefeller found his true calling for public service and a life-long passion to fight for West Virginians.

From his early days in Emmons to his service in the state House of Delegates and as Secretary of State, tenure as President of West Virginia Wesleyan College and then as Governor, Rockefeller



worked to improve all West Virginians’ chance to achieve the American dream - to build a better future for their families by giving them a measure of health security, creating economic opportunities, and providing every child with a good education.

It was these public service experiences that led Rockefeller to adopt the central causes of his life’s work, and in turn to the United States Senate to wage even larger fights on behalf of West Virginians. His determination and ability to find pragmatic solutions made him a recognized Senate leader - a champion of health care for families, children, seniors, veterans, coal miners and the most vulnerable; a fighter for jobs, pensions, mine safety,

worker health care coverage and compensation for those injured by unfair trade, while always supporting manufacturing and West Virginia's most important industries; and an advocate for students - through technology in schools and libraries, greater emphasis on science and mathematics, and access to vocational education, job training and college.

As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee's Health Subcommittee, Rockefeller has spent nearly three decades at the forefront of every major health care fight: preserving and expanding Medicaid; strengthening and expanding Medicare; creating the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide access to care for children in low-income families; and fighting for key provisions in health reform - including early new benefits that eliminate preexisting conditions and lifetime insurance caps, and requiring health insurance companies to apply more of the premium dollars people pay toward actual health care.

As former Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs and Intelligence Committees and current Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Rockefeller spearheaded dramatic improvements in veterans' health care and benefits; led the Senate effort to make generational reforms to national intelligence infrastructure to defend against evolving terrorist threats; and gave first responders an interoperable communications network for better response capabilities during emergencies.

Constituent services also have been central to Senator Rockefeller's work. As part of his commitment to reaching West Virginians in their communities, his staff members have traveled well over one

million miles across the state, and have handled nearly a quarter of a million constituent cases, ranging from Social Security to black lung claims and veterans' benefits.

Biographical Background

Senator Rockefeller graduated from Harvard University in 1961 with a B.A. in Far Eastern Languages and History.

In 1964, he came to Emmons, West Virginia, where he began his public service career.

In 1966, he was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates and to the office of West Virginia Secretary of State in 1968.

He served as President of West Virginia Wesleyan College from 1973 to 1976. In 1976, Rockefeller was elected Governor of West Virginia, and was re-elected in 1980. In 1984, he was elected to the United States Senate, and re-elected in 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008.

Since 1967, Rockefeller has been married to Sharon Percy Rockefeller with whom he has four children: John, Valerie, Charles, and Justin. Jay and Sharon also are the proud grandparents of four granddaughters and two grandsons.



Senate Highlights

Jobs and Infrastructure

- Brought Toyota plant to Buffalo - 1,200 current jobs and total investment of \$1.3 billion, the second largest industrial investment ever in WV.
- Encouraged Japanese investments - WV is now home to 21 Japanese companies, which have created new jobs and invested more than \$2 billion.
- Supported aviation programs resulting in more than \$400 million for WV airport improvements and air service.
- Led passage of the 2012 surface transportation bill, which improved safety and supported 17,000 WV jobs.

Workers

- Led passage of the 1992 Coal Act - 200,000 retired coal miners and their widows received promised lifetime health benefits.
- Authored the MINER Act of 2006 - the most significant mine safety legislation in a generation.
- Authored the Health Coverage Tax Credit for trade affected workers, Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation payees and their families.
- Demanded extension of unemployment benefits and payroll tax cuts in 2009 and 2011.

Health Care

- Authored the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - 40,000 WV children and 8 million kids nationwide were covered in 2011 alone.
- Authored the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) in the health reform bill of 2010 - 16,000 West Virginians already have received \$2.7 million in rebates.

- Exposed health insurance industry abuses and ensured quality information is available to consumers through health reform.
- Helped lead the gradual expansion of Medicaid eligibility to all poor children under 18, and authored the Medicaid prescription drug rebate.
- Led passage of two significant laws to provide fiscal relief to help states meet their Medicaid obligations.
- Fought for quality standards for nursing homes and to prevent impoverishment of spouses.
- Chaired the first major U.S. Bipartisan Commission on Health Care Reform.

Veterans

- Led efforts that resulted in official acknowledgement of Gulf War Illness, which is now addressed with proper treatment.
- Authored legislation that assured the ongoing delivery of affordable prescription drugs veterans need.
- Created a network of community-based clinics to provide veterans care closer to home.

Education

- Authored the E-Rate program, which has provided nearly \$190 million for WV schools and libraries to connect to the Internet.
- Led efforts to create the Noyce Scholarship Program to support math and science teachers.

National and Homeland Security

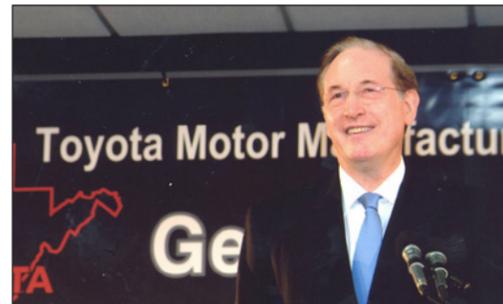
- Sponsored legislation that reformed national intelligence operations following 9/11.
- Sponsored legislation that established an interoperable wireless network for first responders to communicate in emergencies.

U.S. SENATE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Securing a Stronger Economy and Protecting Workers' Rights

Senator Rockefeller has long recognized that for West Virginia to grow, it must expand and diversify its economy. In addition to attracting business investments, he has promoted fair trade remedies, fought for American manufacturing, and supported innovation and competitiveness.

Toyota and Japanese Investments: After a personal campaign to bring Toyota to West Virginia, Senator Rockefeller announced in 1996 that Toyota would build a \$400 million engine and transmission plant in Buffalo. Thanks to West Virginia workers and Senator Rockefeller's commitment, the plant has never stopped expanding, now employing more than 1,200 people with a total investment of \$1.3 billion - the second largest



industrial investment ever in the state. This success story allowed Senator Rockefeller to pursue additional Japanese investments. West Virginia is now home to 21 Japanese companies, including Kureha, a chemical company in Belle; Hino Motors, where West Virginia workers are producing trucks in Williamstown; along with NGK Sparkplugs, Diamond Electric, Okuno International, Nippon Thermostat and K.S. of West Virginia. Japanese investments in the state now total more than \$2 billion.

Manufacturing and Trade: Senator Rockefeller has consistently fought for American manufacturers' ability to compete on a level playing field. He has introduced legislation to crack down on unfair foreign trade practices. He successfully fought to impose tariffs on imported steel to give West Virginia steel and the domestic industry time to recover and restructure after the Asian financial crisis of the late 1990s. He then demanded Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits be extended and expanded to include the Health Coverage Tax Credit for steelworkers and other American workers hit hard by unfair trade, understanding that losing health care benefits can be as distressing as losing a job. He has staunchly opposed trade agreements that outsourced jobs and were bad for West Virginia's economy. He led the effort to create the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program, which established a nationwide network to improve the productivity of American manufacturers. And as Commerce Chairman, Senator Rockefeller has made growing America's manufacturing sector a top priority through hearings and legislative efforts.

“ The Wheeling-Pitt reprieve happened...because Senator Rockefeller labored behind the scenes for nine months, sweating out compromises, coping with problems, rarely grabbing the news spotlight in the manner of most politicians...”

Charleston Gazette editorial, November 1985

Steel: In addition to fighting to level the playing field for West Virginia's steel companies, Senator Rockefeller has worked tirelessly to attract new investors. Today, joint ventures like Wheeling-Nisshin Steel continue producing steel and employing West Virginians. As Governor, Rockefeller found a

groundbreaking way to keep Weirton Steel from bankruptcy by letting employees invest in their own company, allowing them to actually buy in with an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). That action kept Weirton steel jobs in West Virginia, and helped Wheeling-Pitt emerge from bankruptcy. He also helped create the emergency steel loan program and demanded American steel companies and workers get full relief from cheap foreign imports. These combined efforts helped secure the American steel industry.



Innovation: Senator Rockefeller pushed for the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, which called for doubling the nation's investment in research and development, and in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education - drivers of America's economy and keys to competitiveness in the global marketplace. This legislation supported the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), a competitive grant program for which Senator Rockefeller has long fought. West Virginia has received nearly \$90 million in total NSF funding, including an unprecedented \$20 million EPSCoR award in 2010 - the largest NSF award in state history.

Building Safe and Strong Transportation Infrastructure

Senator Rockefeller believes strong infrastructure creates jobs, advances opportunity and helps guarantee Americans' economic security. He has successfully championed key investments in and improvements to aviation and surface transportation.

Aviation: A career priority for Senator Rockefeller, he has used his leadership roles to protect programs that serve as a lifeline for West Virginia's regional airports. West Virginia has received nearly \$400 million in Airport Improvement Program funding



since 1996. And in 2012 alone, West Virginia received \$12 million in Essential Air Service (EAS) program funding. Through negotiations on the 2012

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization - which modernizes the nation's aviation system - Senator Rockefeller insisted on preserving EAS funding for rural airports that otherwise would not have access to scheduled air service. Studies cite 280,000 jobs were saved or created with this law that delivers \$16 billion annually to provide stability and growth in

the nation's aviation infrastructure. The law also authorizes a desperately-needed transition from World War II-era navigation technology to cutting edge GPS technology to reduce airport delays, make skies safer, and make airlines more efficient.

“ This is great news...for the whole aviation industry...not only good for local airport improvement, but for major improvements in the air navigation system to move forward to the next generation. ”

Rick Atkinson, Executive Director of Yeager Airport, on the 2012 FAA Reauthorization

Highways: Through Senator Rockefeller's leadership, the Surface Transportation Reauthorization was signed into law in July 2012, preserving the efficiency, safety and capacity of the nation's transportation system, and saving or maintaining 3 million transportation-dependent jobs. Some 17,000 West Virginia jobs are supported by this law. Additionally, the law authorizes funding for the completion of the Appalachian Development Highway System and Corridor H, which opens West Virginia to more economic development and job growth.

Fighting for Coal Miners' Safety, Health and Future

With coal as the backbone for the nation's electricity and central to West Virginia's economy, Senator Rockefeller has fought for a future that protects miners' jobs - while ensuring their safety and health care.



Coal Act: Senator Rockefeller engineered passage of the Coal Act of 1992, which helped avert a nationwide coal strike and preserved health benefits for 200,000 retired coal miners and their widows, who had been promised lifetime health benefits by both the federal government and their companies. Senator Rockefeller beat back multiple efforts to kill the Coal Act by those who did not think companies should have to keep their pledge. Since enactment, the Coal Act has provided miners with more than \$3 billion in benefits.

Black Lung: Senator Rockefeller has long fought to improve claims processing for black lung beneficiaries across America who have faced tedious waiting lines, backlogs and administrative hurdles to get their benefits. In 2010, as part of health reform, he again supported strengthening the black lung program - which currently provides health care and income support to nearly 50,000 individuals across the country, one in five of whom are West Virginians - by making it easier for miners and their families to qualify for benefits. In his early Senate days, he fought for more administrative law judges to clear the huge claims backlogs. He has pushed for legislation so survivors don't have to go to the considerable expense of, again, proving their already well-documented claims. In addition, he worked to shore up and strengthen the Black Lung Trust Fund by restructuring its debt.

“ **Nobody in Congress has worked harder, spent longer hours or been more passionate in protecting the lives of miners and their families than Jay Rockefeller.** ”

Richard Trumka, Then-President,
United Mine Workers of America

Safety: After the 2006 Sago and Aracoma mine disasters, Senator Rockefeller wrote and helped pass the most significant mine safety legislation in a generation, the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response (MINER) Act. This law requires each miner have at least two hours of breathable air and additional stores of self-rescuers every 30 minutes along escape routes, as well as at the working face of the mine. It also established new electronic tracking systems, local

rescue teams, quicker incident notification, stricter fines, and tougher fine enforcement. Following further mine disasters, including Upper Big Branch in 2010, Senator Rockefeller introduced even stronger mine safety legislation that includes added safeguards for workers who speak up against unsafe working conditions.



Coal's Future: Senator Rockefeller authored legislation to encourage a massive federal investment in environmentally-sound clean coal research that would help position West Virginia as a global leader in clean fuels, while protecting



and creating coal jobs. He encouraged Congress to take these bold steps by introducing the first major bipartisan bill that would advance research and development for the best engineers and scientific minds to tackle carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Making Health Care a Right, Not a Privilege

Senator Rockefeller's early experiences in Emmons placed expanding access to health care at the heart of his public service career. He has successfully fought for access to health care for the nation's poorest citizens, children, seniors, families, the disabled, and - through health care reform - all Americans.

“ Starting as a VISTA volunteer in Emmons, West Virginia in 1964, [Senator Rockefeller] demonstrated his concern for access to health care by shuttling women and children to Charleston for dental and medical exams when local services were unavailable. ”

WV Health Care for America Now, presenting Rockefeller with the Champion of Health Care Reform Award in 2009

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP): Senator Rockefeller authored legislation to create CHIP, one of the most important children's initiatives of the last half-century. Since 1997, it has provided health care coverage to millions of America's children. In 2011 alone, 40,000 West Virginia kids and 8 million American children received health care. In addition to developing the original CHIP legislation, Senator Rockefeller fought for its reauthorization in 2009, which, among other provisions, required CHIP programs to include dental coverage in their benefit packages and expanded dental benefits.

Health Reform: Senator Rockefeller strongly supported the Affordable Care Act of 2010, which will allow 32 million Americans and 300,000 West Virginians to afford basic health coverage. Through his Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) provision, he made sure that at least 80 percent of premiums people pay are spent on providing actual health care, or insurers have to rebate premium dollars to consumers. As a result, in 2011, more than 16,000 West Virginians received \$2.7 million in rebates. Senator Rockefeller also fought for provisions that created the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), considered the most effective provision to reduce health care costs; prohibit industry practices like lifetime insurance caps and preexisting conditions; extend dependent coverage for individuals up to age 26; and make insurance information clear for consumers.

Medicaid and Medicare: Senator Rockefeller is a champion for Medicaid, which provides essential services to low-income children, pregnant women, people with disabilities and seniors - hundreds of thousands of West Virginians. He also has tirelessly fought for Medicare, which provides vital health care services to 48 million seniors, including 380,000 West Virginians. As part of health reform,



Senator Rockefeller pushed for a provision that now gives seniors discounts on their prescription drugs. This closed the doughnut hole that hurt 3.4 million seniors. He also fought to ensure that the Medicare Trust Fund continues to have the money it needs to meet the promise of health care for seniors, and has led the charge against misguided attempts to raise Medicare Part B premiums.

Long-Term Care: More than 20 years ago, Senator Rockefeller chaired the U.S. Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care, also known as the Claude Pepper Commission, which made substantial recommendations for long-term care reform to Congress. Building on those efforts, he has established the bipartisan Senate Long-Term Care Caucus in order to develop solutions for the future of long-term care.

Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute (BRNI):

The world's only nonprofit institute dedicated exclusively to the study of human memory and diseases of memory, Senator Rockefeller and his family founded BRNI, in partnership with



West Virginia University, to advance medical and scientific understanding of Alzheimer's and other diseases of the brain.

Honoring and Supporting Veterans

Recognizing West Virginia's proud history of military service, Senator Rockefeller has always fought for the benefits and support veterans need and have earned through their sacrifices.

“ I have always been, and continue to be, a supporter and a believer that if a veteran has a problem, Jay Rockefeller will try to solve it. ”

Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams,
Medal of Honor recipient, January 2002

Gulf War Syndrome: As Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee in the early 1990s, Senator Rockefeller led an investigation of the challenges faced by Gulf War veterans. The



Pentagon and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) never acknowledged the cause of these veterans' symptoms. Finally, in 2009, the

Congressionally-mandated Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses validated what Senator Rockefeller and soldiers had long believed by confirming that Gulf War Illness is a result of soldiers' exposure to neurotoxic chemicals. The VA now has a task force dedicated to the proper treatment of this illness.

Health Care: Senator Rockefeller authored the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 that provided deep discounts for the VA when purchasing prescription drugs and ensured veterans continued access to affordable prescriptions. After the VA had begun to stop providing needed drugs for veterans due to sharply escalating prices and an increasingly tight budget, his legislation eased the crisis and has ensured the ongoing delivery of affordable prescription drugs ever since. He also authored a law to encourage the VA, for the first time, to provide extended care services - like home health, adult day, respite and hospice care. Senator Rockefeller also was instrumental in passing the Veterans' Claims Assistance Act, which required the VA to assist veterans with their claims, and he has successfully worked to help speed up the processing of veterans' disabilities claims.



Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Through regular private meetings with veterans in West Virginia, Senator Rockefeller knows the severity of unseen war injuries. He strongly supported the Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warriors Act of 2007, which improves the delivery of services to veterans with PTSD and TBI through a comprehensive plan for prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Facilities: In 1996, Senator Rockefeller helped create a network of community-based outpatient clinics that now serve veterans' health care needs through 10 locations across West Virginia. He also secured \$20 million for the state's first veterans' nursing home, now located in Clarksburg, and was instrumental in making possible the state's new veterans' cemetery in Institute.

Further Benefits: Senator Rockefeller successfully fought for expanded benefits and more flexibility under the Montgomery GI bill, landmark legislation to help veterans pay for college, and supported the Post 9/11 GI Bill. He also achieved more favorable mortgage rates for veterans by extending the home loan program to Reservists, and secured enhanced burial benefits.

Expanding Opportunities for a Quality Education

Senator Rockefeller firmly believes that investments in education are investments in a stronger state, a better equipped workforce and a brighter future. From early learning through higher education, he has pushed for access to a good education at every turn.

Technology in Schools: Senator Rockefeller authored the E-Rate program, which has increased the number of classrooms connected to the Internet from 14 to 92 percent nationwide since 1996. West Virginia has received nearly \$190 million from this program to help schools and libraries pay for the cost of getting online.



As Chairman of the Commerce Committee, Senator Rockefeller pushed to expand available funding for the program to better meet the huge demand from schools and libraries - producing \$50 million in additional benefits since 2010, as well as an increase in the real value of total E-Rate dollars from \$1.678 billion in 1997 to \$2.25 billion in 2010 dollars.

Science Education: Senator Rockefeller believes STEM education is essential to West Virginia's economic future. To advance its teaching, he introduced the Math and Science Partnership Act, which was incorporated into the NSF and engages in innovative partnerships to promote quality teaching of math and science. It also created the Noyce Scholarship Program to provide scholarships for math and science students willing to commit to teaching. Both initiatives were strengthened through the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010.

Student Loans: With tuition rates going up, Senator Rockefeller worked to ease the burden on students and families who take out loans to pay for higher education. He has supported loan consolidation programs and an initiative that gives colleges and universities greater flexibility in awarding students financial aid dollars. Senator Rockefeller has worked to expand Pell Grants and cut the interest rates for federal student loans in half. In 2007, he successfully pushed for a student loan forgiveness program for students who commit to teaching or other public service for at least 10 years, allowing graduates to benefit from this program starting in 2017.

Head Start: Senator Rockefeller has ensured that West Virginia's 24 Head Start programs have the resources they need. The programs focus on low-income children, addressing their emotional, social, health, nutritional and physical needs.

“ In West Virginia, every dollar invested in early childhood education has a return of approximately five times its value. Senator Rockefeller understands that what our children need is an investment at an early age...”

Judy Curry, Director of Early Care and Education,
WV Department of Health and Human Services, March 2009

Advocating for Children and Families

Senator Rockefeller believes strong middle class families create a strong economy - and he has worked to make sure they are treated fairly. Since chairing the National Commission on Children in the early 1990s, he has focused his policy efforts on improving children's overall well-being.

Tax Credits: Senator Rockefeller has worked to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). In 2009, he used his seat on the Senate Finance Committee to include working families that have three or more children so more could benefit. The EITC, which benefited 160,000 working West Virginians in 2011, was extended in 2012.

In addition, the Children's Commission, which Senator Rockefeller chaired, was the first to promote the Child Tax Credit that later became law. It was doubled in 2001 and doubled permanently in 2012, with modifications Senator Rockefeller championed to make sure it would be available to low-income families, including more than 100,000 in West Virginia.

“ Jay Rockefeller is a concerned, compassionate leader on children's issues. As Chairman of the National Commission on Children, he is doing tremendous work to address the grave problems facing our children. ”

Christopher Dodd, Then-U.S. Senator, Connecticut

Adoption and At-Risk Children: Senator Rockefeller led the charge to promote adoptions and improve services for children at risk of abuse and neglect. He successfully fought for child abuse prevention programs that were later expanded to include adoption and reunification services as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act, which he authored. Since its passage, the number of adoptions

from foster care has doubled nationwide, including more than 900 adoptions from foster care in West Virginia. He also wrote the law that provides timelier



placement of foster children across state lines. Senator Rockefeller is the prime author of the We Care Kids Act, which provides grants to strengthen the ability of court systems to monitor abused and neglected children. Senator Rockefeller also has been a leader in efforts to dramatically improve the child support enforcement program, which serves more than 17 million children and promotes parental responsibility.

Media: Senator Rockefeller has introduced legislation to give parents and broadcasters more control over the violent and indecent content children see on television and in video games. In addition, through the Commerce Committee, Senator Rockefeller has worked to increase privacy for children online and curb the epidemic of cyber bullying.

Drug Abuse: Senator Rockefeller is the author of the Student Drug Education and Prevention Act, which laid the foundation for nationally-enacted drug education provisions. In addition, he successfully pushed to increase the number of West Virginia communities included in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, and has introduced comprehensive legislation to address the growing problem of prescription drug abuse.

Fortifying National Security & Defense

Understanding that the government's most basic role is to keep the nation safe from its enemies and during homeland emergencies, Senator Rockefeller has used his senior leadership roles to improve the security of the United States and West Virginia.

Intelligence Reform: Senator Rockefeller pressed to make core changes to national security infrastructure in the wake of 9/11. As Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, he was a



lead sponsor of legislation that fundamentally changed the way the nation handles intelligence for the first time in more than 50 years. The bill created a Director of National Intelligence to oversee all 16 agencies, including the CIA, that comprise the intelligence community. The reform law also created counterterrorism centers to bring together information from these agencies to improve communication and coordination on important

national security issues. Senator Rockefeller also was a member of the joint House-Senate inquiry into 9/11 that formed the basis of recommendations from the 9/11 Commission.

Public Safety Spectrum: Senator Rockefeller's legislation calling for a nationwide, interoperable wireless broadband network for first responders fulfills one of the final recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. It passed in 2011 and allocates a very valuable swath of public airwaves to public safety for use during national emergencies and weather disasters. This law has been heralded as the most significant telecommunications legislation in 15 years.

Cybersecurity: As Commerce Chairman, Senator Rockefeller seized an opportunity to work cooperatively with the private sector to strengthen the nation's cybersecurity defenses. He was the first Senator to introduce comprehensive cybersecurity legislation that partners with the private sector, which owns 85 percent of the country's most critical infrastructure. His legislation has the strong support of the most senior civilian and nonpartisan military professionals in the nation. He also strongly advocated the Administration to step up cyber defenses. The President is poised to issue an Executive Order expected to accomplish many of the goals of Senator Rockefeller's legislation. Importantly, knowing the nation's business leaders must be engaged, Senator Rockefeller pursued official Securities and Exchange Commission guidance to corporate America on its disclosure obligations regarding cyber vulnerabilities, raising the prominence of cybersecurity in executive suites and boardrooms across the country.

National Guard: Giving the Guard more input in its operational decisions, Senator Rockefeller sponsored a law that made the Chief of the National Guard a four-star general and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Senator Rockefeller also

fought with his West Virginia colleagues to turn back the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's recommendation to relocate the Charleston-based 130th Airlift Wing to North Carolina, preserving the 130th and keeping hundreds of members and their families in West Virginia.



Coast Guard: Senator Rockefeller has made meeting obligations to the U.S. Coast Guard a top priority as Commerce Chairman.

After an extended lapse in up-to-date legislative authorization, he passed a Coast Guard Reauthorization in 2010 and another new authorization in 2012. The bill authorizes the U.S. Coast Guard's funding and personnel levels and makes needed refinements to its statutory authorities. This is important in West Virginia because of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Huntington operation and Martinsburg's Operations Systems Center, which supports the information technology systems for the entire service.

“ **Senator Rockefeller's longstanding support of National Guard issues has had a positive impact on the lives of West Virginia's large military population.** ”

West Virginia Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett,
October 2010

First Responders: Senator Rockefeller has worked to ensure first responders and law enforcement officials at the state and local



levels have the resources they need through key programs like the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and the COPS program. In addition, he has called upon their expertise at multiple homeland security summits

he has convened in West Virginia, and incorporated their recommendations in his legislative work.

U.S. Senate Leadership Positions

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation, *Chairman*

Subcommittees on Aviation Operations, Safety, & Security;
Communications, Technology, & the Internet; Consumer Protection,
Product Safety, & Insurance; Competitiveness, Innovation, & Export
Promotion; Science & Space; Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, & Coast
Guard; Surface Transportation, Merchant Marine Infrastructure,
Safety, & Security

Senate Committee on Finance, *Member*

Subcommittee on Health Care, *Chairman*

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, *Member and Former Chairman*

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, *Member and Former Chairman*

Joint Committee on Taxation, *Member*

Senate Steel Caucus, *Founder and Co-Chairman*

United States Trade Advisor

U.S. Bipartisan ("Pepper") Commission on Comprehensive Health Care,
Chairman (1990)

National Commission on Children, *Chairman* (1991)

National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, *Member* (1999)

Alliance for Health Reform, *Founder and Co-Chairman* (1991-Present)

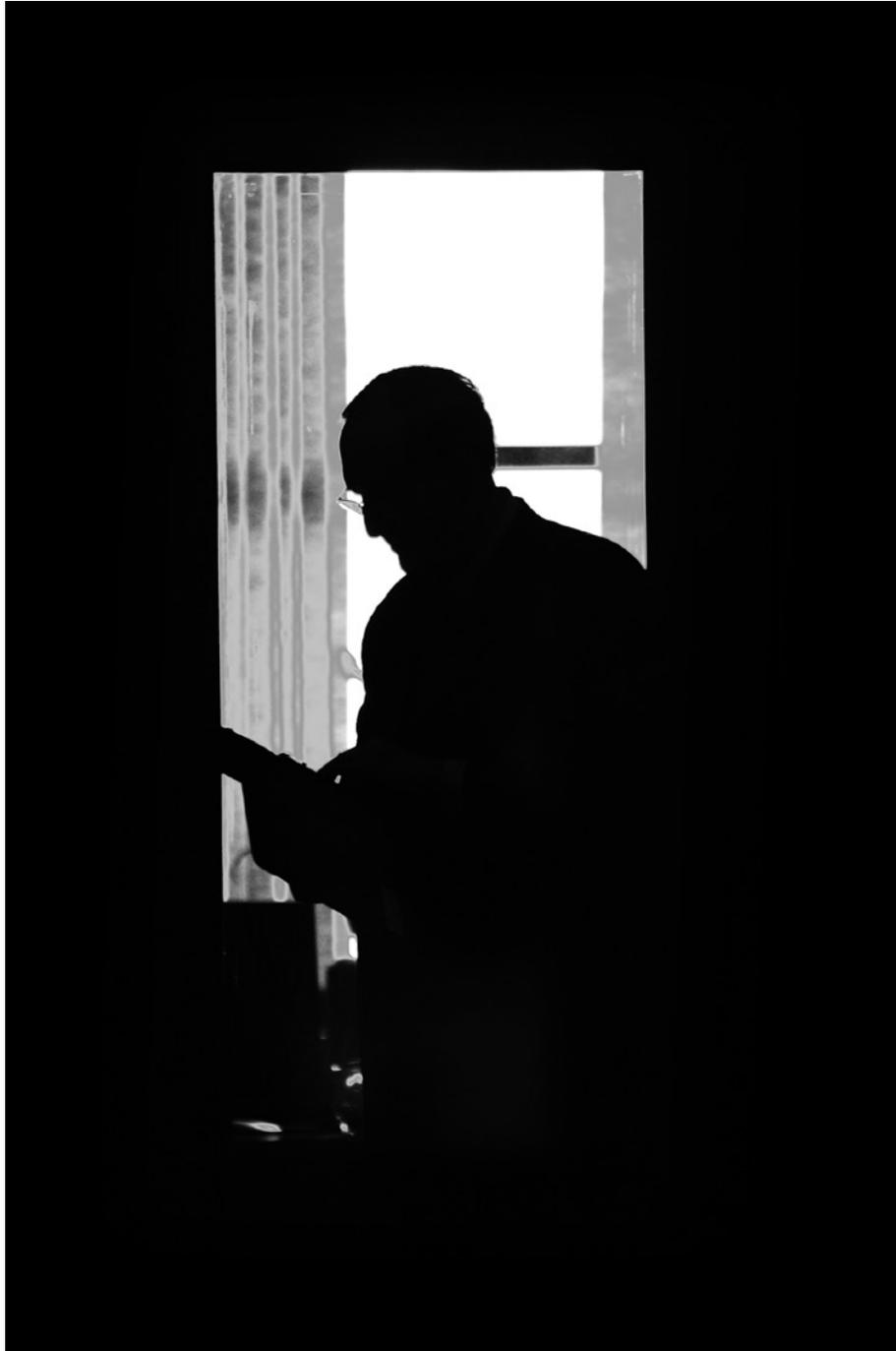


TOP: Jay and Sharon with their children at his second gubernatorial inauguration in 1981.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Jay and Sharon at their home in Charleston.

BOTTOM LEFT: Jay and Sharon with their children and grandchildren.



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