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ROCKEFELLER STATEMENT ON MATRIC'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DOW EMPLOYEES

Washington, D.C. – Senator Jay Rockefeller, who last week expressed his deep disappointment to the CEO of Dow Chemical regarding the company's decision to cut 150 research and development jobs in South Charleston, today commended the Mid-Atlantic Technology Research and Innovation Center (MATRIC) regarding its announcement that it is looking at hiring a significant number of those employees impacted by the lay-offs:

“MATRIC's announcement that it's considering hiring a good number of people who will be affected by the cuts at Dow is enormously encouraging, and it's certainly welcome news for the Kanawha Valley.

“We need to be doing everything we can to protect the jobs that are still at Dow, and to identify new employment opportunities in the state for those who are now facing the uncertainty that comes with losing your job. I am continuing working with Dow officials to do just that, and am looking forward to working with MATRIC officials as they seek to fulfill their commitment to these hard-working people.

“I applaud MATRIC for making this heartening pledge.”

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