

## United States Senate

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It is with great enthusiasm and pride that I extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you on this significant occasion—the opening day of the 85<sup>th</sup> American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. As your United States Senator, I am truly honored to witness the energy, passion, and dedication that each of you bring to this remarkable program.

Boys State is not just a gathering; it is a platform where future leaders are nurtured, ideas are exchanged, and friendships are forged. Throughout this week, you will embark on a journey that will challenge your intellect, test your resilience, and inspire you to reach new heights. The experiences you gain here will undoubtedly shape the leaders of tomorrow. As you engage in debates, collaborate on projects, and immerse yourselves in the democratic process, remember that you are part of something much greater than yourselves. The principles of democracy and civic responsibility are at the core of Boys State, and I encourage you to embrace these values wholeheartedly.

I commend each of you for your commitment to civic engagement, and I am confident that Boys State will be a transformative experience for all. May this week be filled with meaningful conversations, collaborative efforts, and the joy of discovery. It is an honor to serve you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senator