

STATEMENT

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Republican candidate for governor Woody Thrasher:

“When I was West Virginia’s Commerce Secretary, our office worked with China Energy on an investment deal, just as we did with any other company or business. We did not offer them any incentives, and they did not ask for any.

“China Energy never suggested to me that they had any desire to take out our resources. China Energy would add value to our natural resources by building bricks and mortar facilities within our state, hiring our people and paying taxes. This is exactly what U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin said this morning on MetroNews talkline that he would love to see and would welcome.

“The Memorandum of Understanding was not a binding document, but simply an outline of our discussion, which encapsulated our understanding of the path forward. This was done as President Donald Trump was negotiating trade deals with China, and we were supporting the president.

“I’m shocked anyone would think showing an interest in investing in West Virginia is a bad thing. We have huge potential for a vibrant petrochemical industry and should be courting anybody who would bring that to light.

“It would be tremendous for West Virginia to see value added to our raw products for once as opposed to just being an exporter.”

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