

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELECTION 2008

Legislative incumbents endorsed by colleague

I write to you today in support of the four members of the state House of Delegates serving the 44th House District, delegates Bob Beach, Barbara Fleischauer, Charlene Marshall and Alex Shook.

During their years of service in the House, these four members have supported legislation important to our citizens and the future of West Virginia. Often these votes are difficult because true leaders must set priorities.

Delegates Beach, Fleischauer, Marshall and Shook voted to pay down more than \$1 billion in state debt, to reduce the food tax by 50 percent and to give low-income families a tax credit. In addition, they worked to provide increased funding for in-home care for seniors, clothing vouchers for needy school children and training and job opportunities for veterans.

They worked together to restore the WVU rifle team and got funding for improvements to county high schools and 11 senior citizen centers.

All of this was accomplished while delivering a budget surplus for three years in a row.

All four are important members of the leadership structure and future of the House of Delegates. Beach serves as vice chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills; Delegate Fleischauer as chair of the Committee on Constitutional Revision; and Delegate Marshall as Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Small Business.

In 2007, as a freshman member of the House, Shook was assigned to the powerful Judiciary Committee, a rare accomplishment for a new member.

I encourage the voters of the 44th House District to vote to reelect a strong team for Monongalia County. Vote Beach, Fleischauer, Marshall and Shook on Nov. 4.

Delegate Mike Caputo

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