

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **City leader grateful to local legislative group**

During the past year, the city of Morgantown asked the local state legislative delegation to introduce several bills. Included in those requests were the opportunity for cities to vote by mail in municipal elections, allowing parking lot attendants to help with parking enforcement throughout the city and permitting trained nonpolice personnel to share responsibility for issuing litter citations.

Local state Sens. Mike Oliverio, D-Monongalia, Roman Prezioso, D-Marion, and Dave Sypolt, R-Preston, gave strong leadership and support on the Senate side. On the House side Delegates Bob Beach, Barbara Fleischauer, Charlene Marshall, Alex Shook, all D-Monongalia; Tim Manchin and Mike Caputo, both D-Marion; Mike Manypenny, D-Taylor; and Larry Williams, DPreston, also provided leadership and support for each request all the way through the committee and floor processes.

The secretary of state's office was very supportive of a bill on establishing a vote by mail pilot program for five cities.

Unfortunately the bill allowing parking lot attendants to expand service in cities did not make the midnight deadline April 11 for final concurrence on amendments and therefore did not pass this time.

The Morgantown City Council appreciates very much the bipartisan work of each legislator and the bipartisan support of Secretary of State Natalie Tennant and former Secretary of State Betty Ireland who helped the enabling requests to be successful.

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