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May 13, 1992

Honorable H. William DeWeese
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
110 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Bill:

This letter is to notify you that Northwest Caucus has formally organized and have elected the following members as officers:

Rep. Bud George, Chairperson
Rep. Ruth Rudy, Vice-Chairperson
Rep. Tom Scrimenti, Secretary
Rep. Dan Surra, Treasurer
Rep. Mike Hanna, Legal Counsel

At the next Northwest Caucus, it is the intent of the Chair to discuss the naming of an executive director to execute the functions of the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
Secretary

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cc: All Members of the Northwest Caucus

P.S. As you will note, this is the first caucus ever to establish and appoint the position of legal counsel as a part of its organizational structure.

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Honorable Curtis S. Bowley
House of Representatives
105A East Wing
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Curt:

I thought the enclosed press release may be useful for you to share with the media in your district regarding your involvement and membership with the newly-formed Northwest Caucus.

Please feel free to use this press release or contact your writer to prepare a release for you.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
Secretary - Northwest Caucus

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Members
HARRISBURG, May ?? -- State Rep. Iam Woman, D-Erie, today announced she has joined the newly-formed Northwest Caucus of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

The caucus is comprised of 11 Democratic legislators who represent districts in the northwest region of the state.

"The caucus will meet regularly to work on issues of common interest and concern to our region," Woman said.

Woman said that by forming this caucus the legislators will have one voice in lobbying and advocating for the concerns of northwestern Pennsylvania.

"Our goal is to make sure northwestern Pennsylvania is not overlooked here in Harrisburg," Woman said.

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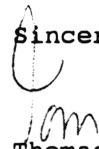
Dear Bill:

As directed to by Chairman Bud George, I would like to follow-up on my letter of May 13, 1992, and request your acknowledgement of the newly formed Northwest Caucus. It is necessary for us to organize the caucus to begin to address the needs of the members of the Northwest as we proceed to ensure the retention of our membership and your role as Majority Leader.

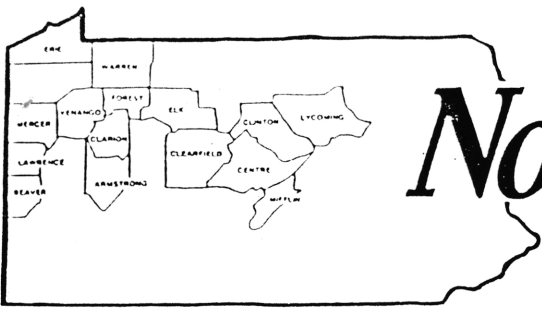
Further, it is our desire to obtain your authorization to acquire the necessary staff to execute the business of the caucus.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
Secretary

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Northwest Caucus

CAMILLE "BUD" GEORGE, CHAIRMAN
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June 17, 1992

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Rep. Ruth C. Rudy
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Rep. Thomas J. Scrimenti
Secretary
Rep. Dan A. Surra
Treasurer
Rep. Michael K. Hanna
Legal Counsel

Honorable H. William DeWeese
Majority Leader
110 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Bill:

MEMBERS

Curtis S. Bowley
Italo S. Cappabianca
Thomas J. Fee
Kenneth E. Kruszewski
David R. Wright
Michael C. Gruitza
Frank LaGrotta

We write to you, as a delegation, interested and concerned with the well-being of one of our Members. Representative Ken Kruszewski has shown dedication and devotion to the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives by repeatedly providing much needed votes in support of Caucus positions.

Ken's vote has enabled us to pass vital legislation and has provided us with the assistance necessary to further our goals. However, this support for our Caucus's goals and objectives may have proven to be the precipitating factor in his recent loss in his bid for re-election. Therefore, in light of his dedication to the Caucus, we seek your commitment and support in providing for Ken's professional future in some way. Ideally, we ask that you review the possibility of contracting with Ken beginning December, 1992, and allowing him to continue serving the Caucus as he has in the past, or perhaps seeking his assignment for a position with the Administration.

Certainly, it is incumbent upon us to offer Ken some alternative; he sacrificed a career in law enforcement to join our ranks and is of an age wherein he will be in need of a position to continue to provide for his family. We are sure you share our thoughts and will consider Ken for every opportunity available. Thank you for your support and favorable action in this regard.

Sincerely,

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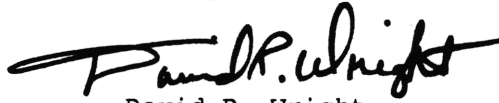
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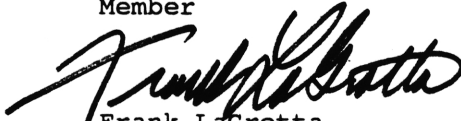
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Member



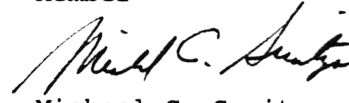
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THE MAJORITY LEADER



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June 17, 1992

To: The Honorable Camille George
Chairman, Northwest Democratic Caucus

From: H. William DeWeese
The Majority Leader

Subject: Organization and Staffing

I apologize for not responding earlier to the letter of May 13, 1992, that I received from Representative Scrimenti in his capacity as Secretary of the Northwest Caucus notifying me of the selection of officers for the Northwest Caucus. I appreciate receiving this organizational information and also the information set forth in the letter concerning your future plans.

I am anxious to meet with your Caucus at an early time to discuss the matters that are most important to your Caucus and to dialog with you regarding them. I want to work hand in hand with you toward achieving the Northwest Caucus' goals and those of the Democratic Caucus as a whole. Unfortunately, I am now so deeply committed time and energy wise to the budget negotiations that I see little chance for an effective meeting with your Caucus until after the budget is settled. I do, however, look forward to getting together with your Caucus as soon as we can practically do so after the budget is finalized.

Despite the tight budget situation that we are facing which makes adding to our total staff unrealistic at this time, the commitment to assist your Caucus with your staffing needs that I made last November still stands. I recognize your need for staff assistance and have assigned Connie Maine to serve this function. With her knowledge of the northwest region and her experience as a legislator, I believe she can do a terrific job for your Caucus. I hope that you and the other members of the Northwest Caucus are in agreement. I have asked Connie to give top priority to the needs of your Caucus and to spend as much time as is necessary to adequately meet them.

I thank you and the other members of the Northwest Caucus for keeping me informed and for your understanding and cooperation.

cc: All Members of the Northwest Democratic Caucus



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To: Members of the Northwest Caucus

**From: Camille "Bud" George
Chairman**

Re: State Park Fee Increases

I would like to inform you of a very disturbing situation that may occur as a result of the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR). The fees at all the state parks are about to rise with little input from the people of this great Commonwealth or their elected representatives.

We have the finest park system in the nation, thanks to visionaries and pioneers like Dr. Maurice Goddard and many members of the legislature. It is my opinion that the increased fees will keep "little" people from enjoying our beautiful park system. This increase was never explained to the General Assembly or the Citizens of Pennsylvania.

I remind you that the 1996-1997 state budget appropriated more than \$45 million for state park operations and the Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund (Key 93) would add \$13 million for park and forest rehab in 1996-1997. The Key amount is in addition to the \$23 million from FY 1995-1996 and the anticipated \$9 million per year for the next four years.

When we all come back to Harrisburg next week, expect a call. I would like your input on whether you would like this issue discussed before our Northwest Caucus in a hearing format within our caucus boundary. Your opinion will be a very important factor for me to go to leadership for their support.

The comment period is over on October 24, 1996. So we must act quickly.

Northwest Caucus Members

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HARRISBURG, May 5 -- State Rep. Bud George, D-Clearfield, announced the reorganization of the Northwest Legislative Caucus.

The Caucus is comprised of legislators from Armstrong, Beaver, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Lycoming, Mercer, Mifflin, Venango and Warren counties.

George, who chairs the House Conservation Committee, also will serve as caucus chairman. He is joined on the leadership team by Rep. Ruth Rudy, D-Centre, vice chairwoman and Rep. Thomas Scrimenti, D-Erie, secretary. The remaining officers are Rep. Dan Surra, D-Clearfield Elk, treasurer, and legal counsel Rep. Michael Hanna, D-Clinton.

"I think we have an excellent team of capable legislators that will accomplish a great deal," George said.

The remaining members of the caucus are Reps. Linda Bebeko-Jones, D-Erie, Italo Cappabianca, D-Erie, who serves as chairman of the House Federal-State Relations Committee, Thomas Fee, D-Lawrence, chairman of the House Game & Fisheries Committee, Frank LaGrotta D-Lawrence, Michael Gruitza, D-Mercer and David R. Wright, D-Clarion, who heads the Consumer Affairs Committee.

This session, the caucus intends to focus on economic development, school funding formulas, access to health care, improved transportation and tax reform.

"We believe that these are some of the most critical problems facing the northwestern region of the state," George said. "With the combined talents of our members, this caucus will be able to find solutions to these problems and improve the quality of life in Northwest Pennsylvania and across the state."

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