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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is awfully good to be writing this letter myself. The recuperation period from the automobile collision has been long and extended. It is not over yet. But I returned to active campaigning last week with the opening of our San Luis Obispo office and a debate/forum in Santa Maria.

The first word must be one of thanks. Lois and I were overwhelmed with the outpouring of concern and support through your cards, phone calls, and other gracious expressions. And we wish to thank our dedicated campaign staff for keeping everything moving forward.

This is an exciting election. Already it has been the subject of stories in the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. Reliable polls tell us that we are slightly ahead in a race that is extremely close.

But we do not spend a lot of time looking at polls. Rather, the contest is about two contrasting sets of values. In her two years on the job, our opponent has mostly demonstrated what she opposes. She voted against the clean air and clean water acts, against Head Start, and against putting additional police on the streets of our communities. Her votes on Medicare have made seniors vulnerable. Yet she favors giving additional tax advantages to those who are best able to take care of themselves, and opposes the minimum wage increase. With the extremist members of the Republican Party, she opposes women's freedom of choice, and is a Gingrich ultra-loyalist.

Unlike this career politician, I have no impulse to go to Washington to lead an ideological revolution. Rather, as Thomas Jefferson intended, I wish to serve in Congress to represent the needs and interests of the people with whom we have lived our lives. I look to efficient, effective government to support what citizens cannot do for themselves: environmental protection, public education, job training, safety standards for the workplace, crime protection for our neighborhoods, access to comprehensive health care. Good government is there to strengthen our common life.

**Right now, finances are critical.** We will soon be in the intense period of the campaign, and in the coming days we want to prepare mailings and purchase television and radio time. Thanks to all who have assisted so far. **Please continue to be generous.** We are on the road to victory and are traveling there together.

Sincerely yours,

Walter H. Capps

Bryant Wieneke,  
Treasurer







*"We need a government as good as the people it serves."*

August 12, 1996

## Walter Hits Campaign Trail Ahead of Schedule

Last week, Walter surprised his opponents and his doctors, hitting the campaign trail early for a series of high impact events including launching the SLO HQ and debating the other candidates in Santa Maria. While the kind of injuries Walter sustained in his late May car accident normally take people 6 months of recovery, he has bounced back in a fraction of the time. We now look forward to an accelerating schedule as we move through August.

## In First Public Event, Walter Launches San Luis Obispo Office Before Large Crowd

On Thursday, August 8, Walter and Lois joined over 150 supporters to officially open the Capps Campaign San Luis Obispo Headquarters. Campaign Co-Chair Jacquelyn Wheeler welcomed supporters and introduced Walter who gave a moving speech emphasizing his commitment to the people of the Central Coast and the insights he and Lois have gained out of the fight back from their near-death accident. Ted Hall of the IBEW presented a check on behalf of his membership. SLO County Field Coordinator Blake Selzer thanked attendees and called on supporters to help staff the office, host events, and raise funds. Walter did live interviews on both KSBY and KCOY-TV evening news from the event.

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## Fundraising Update: Big Events Ahead

Over the next weeks, many fundraising activities are planned both large and small. We are presently building a list of people who will host small to medium sized Houseparties and Receptions — contact Finance Director Thu Pham, if you are interested. Looking ahead, we have a large fundraising event with special guests scheduled for September 21st and another in mid-October. Our campaign is getting major national attention and we expect some high level visits in the near future.

## Seastrand Goes Negative Early

The Seastrand Campaign has started running negative radio ads falsely attacking Walter for ties to "big labor bosses." To start attacks ads in early August shows both how desperate she is and how much money is going to be spent against us. With 86 days until the election, this is a call to arms for all our donors and supporters. We thank you for your efforts. Paid for by Capps for Congress Committee FEC #C00291781

## Walter Takes On Opponents at Debate in Santa Maria

On Friday, August 9, Walter took on four of the six candidates that are running for the 22nd District Congressional seat. Appearing at a debate in Santa Maria sponsored by the Central Coast Commission for Seniors, he faced off with Andrea Seastrand and two third party candidates, Steve Wheeler (Independent) and David Bersohn (Libertarian). Reform Party candidate Dick Porter and Natural Law Party candidate Dawn Tomastik, were not able to attend. Porter, with over \$100,000 in campaign funds, is likely to surpass Wheeler and the others in the third party slot.

The debate was attended mostly by members of the Central Coast Seniors group and supporters of Walter and Andrea. Walter received a standing ovation as he walked in. In clear, straight forward remarks, he reaffirmed his commitment to seniors and challenged Andrea Seastrand's sorry record. From protecting Medicare and Social Security to defending Pensions and Nursing home standards, Walter's stance on Seniors issues contrasts dramatically with Seastrand's. *Walter emphasized the importance of balancing the budget and making the government more efficient while still protecting the fundamental needs of hard working Americans.* Seastrand read a defensive and highly technical statement. The other candidates challenged the role of government in various ways. By the end of this first debate, it was clear that Seastrand is on the defensive and the third party candidates are just minor players.

Several candidate forums and debates lie ahead — mostly in late September or October. On Thursday, August 15, a small forum is scheduled before the AARP in San Luis Obispo.

## Join the "Bump'er for Capps" Effort

The Campaign has committed to placing 5,000 bumper stickers on vehicles over the next weeks. Add your car to the effort to "Bump Seastrand for Capps." Call the Santa Barbara Office for stickers today.

## Help the Capps Campaign Fill Office Needs

While our Campaign offices in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are increasingly well equipped we are on the lookout for the following gear, loaned or donated:

1 or more TV, 1 or more VCR      A Plain paper fax or thermal fax  
 1 or more 486 or faster PC Computers      1 or more Printers  
 A two-cassette deck AM/FM radio      A Microwave oven

Equipment loans or donations are among the best ways you can help the campaign. We thank those that have already helped.

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