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Federal Elections Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

August 8, 2022

**RE: Violation of Federal Election Laws. No disclaimer on a newspaper ad advocating for one candidate.**

Dear Sirs:

This complaint is related to the upcoming General Election in Virginia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District this November.

This complaint results from an ad taken out in the Eastern Shore Post on July 29, 2022. The paid advertisement advocates for one candidate, Elaine Luria but there is no disclaimer as required. The ad was taken out by a man named Michael Lewis of Onancock for \$650. The number for the advertising department in this publication is 757-789-7678.

My home address is \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia Beach, VA 23456. My phone number is \_\_\_\_\_  
My E-mail is \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Ross was nice enough to call me and let me know that I need not send duplicate copies of the questioned advertisement.

Sincerely

Dennis E. Free

Enclosures (2) Photocopy of Front Page and Questioned Ad from the Eastern Shore Post.



VIRGINIA:

Subscribed to and Sworn Before me,

Deborah Jo Snyder

a Notary Public, by Dennis E. Free, on this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 2022. My Commission Expires: 8/31/22

Paid for and authorized by Dennis Free.



# RE-ELECT ELAINE LURIA

Congresswoman Elaine Luria enlisted in the USN at age 17. She graduated from the US Naval Academy four years later. Most of her career was spent at sea on war ships. She rose to the rank of Commander. She became the Executive Officer of a guided missile cruiser. (For you non-naval types this means that she was second in command of a ship's crew of 400 sailors.) Her last duty station was Commander of the Little Creek Amphibious group that consists of 400 or so vessels and crew members.

Several weeks ago, I attended a town hall meeting held by Congresswoman Elaine Luria at the Eastern Shore Community College. Her purpose for the meeting was to update us on the various things that have been done, or are going to be done, based on the Federal Budget. She has had a major impact on the funding choices that have been adopted by the Congress and President. During the meeting, while standing in front of the group, she acknowledged that there were members of the Accomack County Sheriff's Department in attendance. She merely said hello.

One of the items on the list was replacement of our the 911 system in Accomack and Northampton counties. I spoke with someone who is in the know, and he said that our system is old, worn out, and may not have parts available, if something serious were to happen to the 911 system.

Luria was able to provide a CPF (Community Project Funding) award in the amount of \$8,000,000 so that we can replace the old 911 system. My guess is that the folks from the Sheriff's Department were there to thank her for her work. Our Public Safety System must have a functional 911 system.

Also, Luria was able to provide \$2,500,000 CPF award to Cape Charles for their segment of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail, which will convert 2.3 miles of the decommissioned Eastern Shore Railroad right-of-way, and VDOT right-of-way into a multi-use recreational trail. This should help in the economic development of Northampton County.

The Eastern Shore represents about 7% of the total population of District 2. The truth is, any politician, and some have in the past, could ignore us because we are such a small portion of the total. Examine how many visits, funding of projects, assistance to constituents, whatever, and you might draw the conclusion that we are being favored.

When Elaine first ran for this seat in Congress, she told my wife and I, her basic foundation in life was "Be Good, and Do Good Work". This came from her Naval Academy training. It defines who she is. She works across the isle, routinely, to try to improve the quality of life for all of us. If I was asked to draw up a prototype for how a Congressperson should act and work, I would use Elaine as a model.

In less than four years of service, Elaine was appointed Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. One does not attain this very powerful and influential position by being a bomb throwing back bencher. She is a player in the best sense of the term. The naval bases in the 757 area are the largest in the world. We need her support and influence to maintain this position.

*Please re-elect Congresswoman Luria.*

**Michael Lewis  
Onancock, VA**



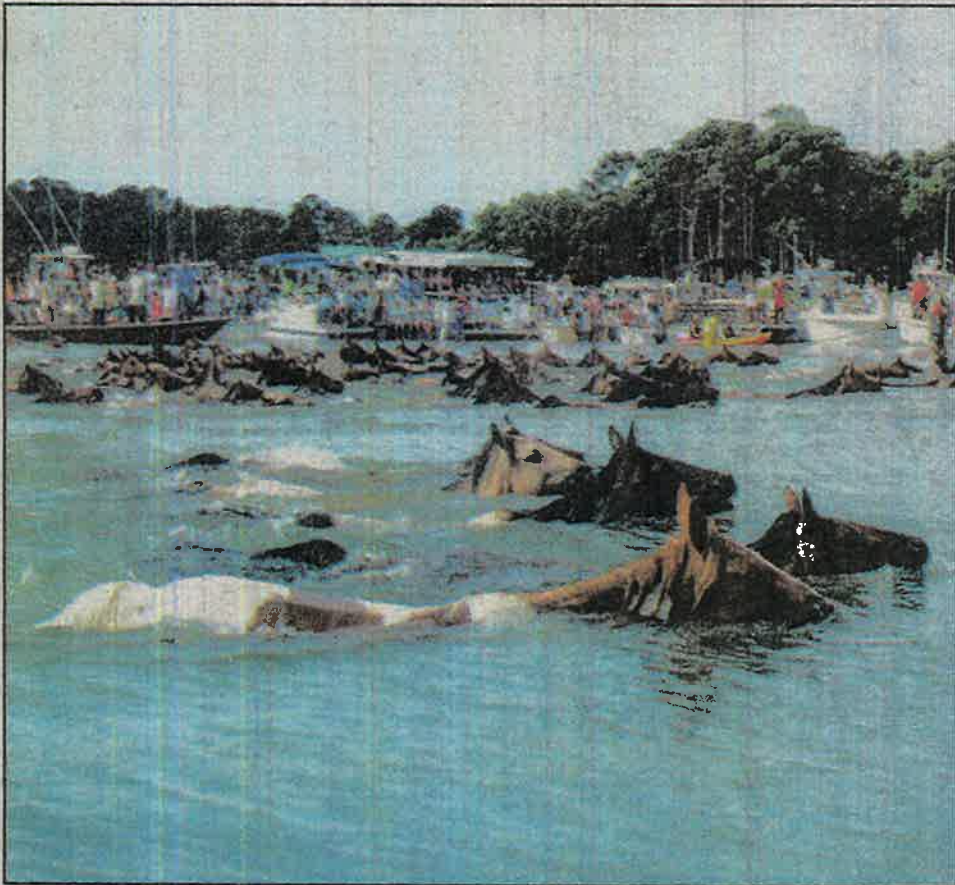
# Eastern Shore POST

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**Free**

July 29, 2022



## Splish Splash: Pony Swim Returns

To the delight of thousands of onlookers, Chincoteague ponies swim during the 97th annual Pony Penning. View more pony-related event photos beginning on Page 13. Photo by Jim Ritch.

## Sen. Lewis Holds Town Hall On Tax Rebates, Marijuana, and Fish Spills

By Carol Vaughn

Sen. Lynwood Lewis held a town hall Thursday, July 21, at Eastern Shore Community College to discuss the recent legislative session and to hear from constituents.

Additional town hall meetings will be held later in Chincoteague and the Cape Charles area.

Lewis said the state budget "is the most important thing we do."

The biennial budget work is done in even years, including this year.

Among highlights of the budget the General Assembly approved is a 5% raise for teachers in each of the two years, along with a \$1,000 bonus per teacher.

All state employees and law enforcement will get a raise, as well.

Additionally, the budget includes \$1.25 billion for school construction — there is an estimated backlog of needed school construction of \$18 billion, Lewis said.

"A good portion of our school buildings in most districts are over 50 years old, so it's a real issue, but that is a step in the right direction," he said.

Additionally, the budget includes tax cuts, with the standard deduc-

tion doubled for single and married individuals.

Taxpayers also will receive a tax rebate this fall — \$250 to every individual or \$500 to every couple.

Among the major issues the General Assembly dealt with this year was marijuana legislation, with legislators failing to come to an agreement on how to construct the regulatory environment for marijuana sales.

"It is important to regulate it" because doing so could mean an estimated \$350 million in annual tax revenue "once it's commercialized," according to Lewis.

Another highlight of the session was the creation of a \$25 million revolving loan fund to help communities deal with climate change resiliency and measures to deal with sea level rise, which resulted from legislation Lewis sponsored.

Additional legislation sponsored by Lewis that was approved included a bill creating a taskforce to examine the lifecycle of renewable energy projects and legislation limiting the period for an executive order to remain in place to 45 days, among others.

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