

Letter: Leibham has a real job

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The conclusion “Joe Leibham thinks people are stupid” because of his answer to the question “Are you a career politician” is a non sequitur. In his answer, Joe shared his work experience. Nothing was said about anyone’s intelligence or lack thereof. The premise of Ms. Meyer’s letter is Leibham should “get a real job.” Being a legislator is a real job. It’s one of three branches of government upon which this country was founded. I wonder if Ms. Meyer believes legislators from all political parties should “get a real job.” I wonder if Ms. Meyer believes she could do the job of a state senator.

While people may not agree on all actions taken by our local, state and federal legislatures, the fact remains it is a necessary part of government. The skills required include familiarity with multiple industries, health care, law enforcement, education plus many other issues. A legislator needs to be able to write; communicate effectively and have outstanding time management skills. It’s most definitely not a “9-to-5” job. These skills are also required in the private sector which Ms. Meyer asserts is a “real job” so logically, one must conclude a legislator is indeed a “real job.”

Joe Leibham works many hours in the Capitol and in his district. He listens to his constituents’ points of view with respect. He loves what he does and it shows. I doubt many could keep up with his schedule. Ms. Meyer’s letter, unfortunately, sounds like a baseless personal attack that seems to characterize politics all too often. We need respect for others’ views in government. We need legislators who “share their toys in the sandbox.” Joe Leibham is that legislator. Please vote Joe Leibham for Congress on August 12.

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