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Dear

The sponsors of "The Idaho Debates" will again be producing statewide debates before the 2018 Primary Election. The debates will take place in Boise in the Idaho Public Television studio at 1455 North Orchard St. and will air live on Idaho Public Television. They will be offered to other television outlets also. The purpose of the debates is to inform the public on the views of the candidates; we do not support or oppose political parties or candidates.

We have established reasonable, viewpoint-neutral criteria for participation – following the U.S. Supreme Court decision known as *Arkansas vs Forbes* (96-779) – and will limit debate participation to candidates who are conducting active campaigns.

We are asking candidates in primary races to submit materials that demonstrate an active campaign for office; and we will issue invitations to debate to those candidates who meet the criteria for an active campaign.

Individuals currently holding the office do not have to supply documentation of an active campaign.

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The criteria for primary election debate consideration are:

1. Is the person in fact a legally qualified candidate and appearing on the ballot per Idaho Code for a particular office?
2. Are there objective indicia of an active campaign throughout the state or district during the campaign cycle? (Examples: Having a campaign headquarters outside one's home, making multiple appearances, being covered in the press, filing campaign funding reports, distributing campaign material, having paid or volunteer campaign staff, phone banks, volunteer efforts, touring, door knocking, advertising, speeches).
3. Is there a demonstrable level of public interest and support in the candidacy? (Examples: Campaign contributions, turnout at events, news coverage, endorsements, independent professional polling.)

The committee will consider all these factors in evaluating whether a candidate meets the active campaign standard. Please feel free to submit any additional evidence of an active campaign.



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In addition, please provide a color head shot, preferably a color jpeg digital picture, for our election/debate website, your campaign mailing address, telephone number, email address, cell phone number and, if applicable, fax number.

Please mail your submission to:

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or hand-deliver your submission to the attention of Melissa Davlin, Idaho Public Television, 1455 North Orchard St, Boise ID 83706. **The material must be received no later than 4:45 p.m. April 6, 2018.** If you hand-deliver your material, please ask for a time-stamped receipt.

You may e-mail your submission to mail@idahodebates.org, and meet the same deadline.

No debates will occur without at least two candidates participating. Candidates should plan to be at the debate site one hour before the debate starts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-xxx-xxxx or e-mail mail@idahodebates.org.

Best wishes on your campaign. We look forward to seeing your submission.

Sincerely,

Melissa Davlin, Idaho Public Television

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