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FRED KUNDRATA REQUESTS A SERIES OF DEBATES WITH STEVE CHABOT

Democratic Nominee Wants to Face Steve Chabot in an Open Forum

CINCINNATI – Fred Kundrata, the Democratic nominee for U.S. Congress in Ohio’s 1st District, sent a certified letter to Representative Steve Chabot requesting a series of open debates prior to the general election on November 4, 2014. Kundrata wants a total of three debates spread throughout the 1st District with one in Hamilton County, one in Warren County, and another in a mutually agreed upon location within the district.

“I believe voters have the right to hear the candidates’ views on the issues,” said Kundrata. “Additionally, I want to know what concerns people have in and about the 1st District.”

Kundrata, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, small business owner, attorney, and commercial airline pilot, is open to various types of debates, including town hall format.

“As a candidate for Congress, I am asking people to vote for me. With this request comes the responsibility of working with citizens throughout the district and not just those in my neighborhood or political party,” stated Kundrata. “I want to effectively represent the entire 1st District, which is diverse in many different aspects.”

Kundrata says his reason for seeking out debates is strictly for the people of the 1st District, and he hopes to get a positive response from Representative Chabot.

“Being an elected official makes you a public servant, but I think this message has been lost. From the start, I want Ohio’s 1st District to know that I respect them as not only voters, but also hardworking taxpayers,” said Kundrata.

The letter sent to the campaign headquarters of Representative Chabot appears below, in its entirety:

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*The Honorable Steve Chabot
The Steve Chabot for Congress Campaign
2300 Montana Avenue, Suite 306
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211*

Dear Representative Chabot:

With less than 90 days before the November General Election, I am contacting you to request a series of open debates. The citizens of Ohio's 1st District deserve the opportunity to hear from their Congressional candidates in an open forum, which is why I am suggesting we have at least three debates prior to Election Day.

The local branch of the NAACP extended an invitation to host a candidate forum in September 2014. I am willing to include this event as one of the three debates.

I am open to various options for the debate format, including, but not limited to: town hall format accepting questions from the audience, a panel of local journalists asking questions, or a single moderator addressing issues. In selecting a moderator, the individual chosen should be a neutral party having no affiliation or ties to either campaign. The same must also occur when considering a debate host. With the town hall format, there should be equal representation from both parties and independent voters.

Regarding location, the debates should be spread throughout the 1st District out of consideration for the size and diversity of the district's population. Also, a debate should occur in each county—one in Hamilton County and one in Warren County with the final debate being held at a mutually agreed upon location within the 1st District.

I am willing to negotiate on any aspect of the debate formats and locations to make the debates the best for the people of Ohio's 1st District.

In closing, I look forward to the opportunity to debate and hope you agree to the terms outlined above. Please have a member of your campaign staff contact my campaign headquarters at (513) 381-3047. Thank you.

Regards,

*Fred Kandrata, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.)
Democratic Nominee, U.S. Congress
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