



May 21, 2014

Dear Secretary Grimes,

Congratulations on becoming the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate. I know this campaign will be a spirited and respectful contest that will provide Kentuckians with an honest choice between two very different visions for the future.


In order to present our views fairly and without interpretation by traditional media filters, I believe we should participate in three traditional Lincoln-Douglas style debates moderated only by a single timekeeper/moderator. By conducting these debates without an audience, without props, and without notes, it will allow for an unvarnished exchange of views for Kentuckians to evaluate.

Last Sunday, The Lexington Herald-Leader suggested that May 21<sup>st</sup> would not be too early for us to find time to debate and I agree. I believe that in order to present our views before Kentuckians are inundated with advertising, we should agree to hold the first of these three debates before the Fourth of July. This will allow for our first real exchange of ideas a full calendar year after you announced your candidacy. The second debate should be held before Fancy Farm, and a third and final debate around Labor Day.

Kentucky voters will get their fill of campaign ads and scripted events this year but three Lincoln-Douglas style debates will provide an excellent format to evaluate our true views on the issues.

I look forward to hearing from you on this invitation.

Sincerely,

  
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UNITED STATES SENATOR

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