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Congressman Steve Pearce
P.O. Box 2696
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Dear Congressman Pearce,

For the last 20 months, I've had the honor of being a voice for the people of New Mexico's 2nd congressional district and an advocate for the diverse communities of Southern New Mexico. I have come home to New Mexico nearly every weekend and have spent every congressional break here because staying in touch, listening, and being responsive to the people and communities I represent is my top priority.

In my short time as the Representative for this district, I have visited each county multiple times, held over 110 public forums and countless constituent meetings, and my office has processed nearly 2,000 constituent cases. And what I've learned is that while you can't please 100% of the people 100% of the time, New Mexicans truly appreciate having a representative who is willing to hear them out, willing to answer their questions, and willing to work hard to help them.

That's why over the remaining 67 days of this campaign, I'm going to keep doing what I've been doing -- traveling the district and discussing the issues that are important to the people of New Mexico's 2nd congressional district.

I encourage you to join me in that dialogue by agreeing to debate on the issues that I've been hearing about most as I travel the district -- including jobs, border security, veterans, energy, Social Security and the need to reform Congress so that they start playing by the same rules as everyone else.

Yesterday, I informed KOAT and the New Mexico Public Broadcasters/New Mexico 1st, that I am accepting their invitations and look forward to participating in the televised debates that each is hosting (*KOAT: 10/24 in Albuquerque, NMPB/NM 1st: 10/27 in Las Cruces*). I hope you will join me because these debates give Southern New Mexicans the opportunity to learn more about the differences between us on the issues and about the very different approaches we have taken to representing this district.

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As you know, on September 14th Congress returns for a multi-week session that will require me to be in Washington for votes during the week, but even with this limited schedule, I think it's important that we keep on talking about where we stand on the issues. That is why I am committing to participate in a series of issue specific debates to give folks around the district a chance to hear more about where we stand.

As you might know, we have a unique opportunity in Southern New Mexico to utilize local radio stations to reach both the bigger towns and smaller rural communities in this district. I think it's important that they all get to hear from us as well and that's why I am proposing this first round of issue debates on radio.

Below is the initial list of issues, the radio stations that are willing to host these debates, and the dates I have committed to be in that town. I hope you will be able to join me.

September 20 – KRWG in Las Cruces on Border Security
September 27 – KZZX in Alamogordo on Veterans
October 4 – KSVP in Artesia on Congressional Reform

I look forward to comparing our records so that the residents of the 2nd congressional district can make a well informed decision about who will better represent them.

Sincerely,



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