



Hon. Connie Lawson  
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Dear Secretary Lawson,

As I travel the state, I've heard over and over again from Hoosiers of their desire for fairness and transparency. Hoosiers are thoughtful, civically engaged, and deserve to have a spirited debate about issues of elections and our visions for how the office we each seek can help small businesses.

At a time when the security and fairness of our elections is so critical and so endangered, I believe we owe it to Hoosier voters to discuss our plans for the future to secure their ballots and their fundamental rights to have their votes counted as cast. We should seek to have more people engaged in our political process and giving people confidence in that vote will only increase participation.

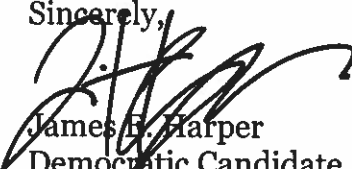
I know we have differences in policy, but I don't see you as an enemy, rather my political opponent with whom I disagree. I think we can have a healthy discussion about the issues.

Given this, I am issuing a formal debate challenge to you. We have 57 days until Election Day and over 6.5 million Hoosiers who we are competing to represent. They deserve to hear from us directly. I'm confident we could agree on terms for at least three forums across the state.

If you believe, like I do, that voters have a right to meet and listen to our views, I hope you'll agree and work with me and my team to make this happen. Groups across the state have been inviting us to participate in forums and I think we should agree on joint appearances.

I'll look forward to your response. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Democratic Candidate

