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Dear Congressman Doolittle:

Thank you for your prompt response to my July 10th letter, where you agreed to debate me publicly.

As you know, there has been a growing wave of interest in these forums---from constituents, the media, and civic groups from across the 4th CD. The Auburn Journal, League of Women Voters of El Dorado County, KFBK Newstalk 1530 AM's Bruce Maiman, and Mike Taborski, who publishes 6 newspapers in Plumas and Lassen Counties (among others), have already offered to host or sponsor our debates. The time has come for us to get them scheduled.

In your July 11th response letter, you said that you would contact me "as the Congressional Schedule for the rest of the year becomes clear." No such contact has yet occurred, though according to the House website, July 31st-September 1st is slated as a "District work period," and October 6th is listed as the target for adjournment of the 109th Congress. Additionally, I know that the House typically holds session Tuesday thru Thursday to enable members to travel back to their home districts and be with their families on weekends.

This leaves many potential scheduling opportunities, so I thought I'd suggest a few dates, locations, and formats to get the ball rolling:

Tuesday, August 15th: Auburn, CA, Town Hall Format

Saturday, Sept. 16th: Grass Valley, CA, Town Hall Format

Friday, Sept. 29th or Oct. 6th: El Dorado County, LOWV Moderated Forum

Friday, Oct. 13th: Quincy, CA, Town Hall Format

Friday, Oct. 27th: Roseville, CA, Moderated Q & A

Friday, Nov. 3rd: South Lake Tahoe, CA, Town Hall Format

You'll note that 4 of the suggested formats are "town hall." As I mentioned previously, this is to ensure that voters get "unfiltered responses," and "direct dialogue" on the broad range of local, regional, and national policy questions at stake in this election. I would also be willing to participate with you in a series of talk radio call-in programs.

You are correct that there are stark differences between our candidacies. And, having fought to defend America in the military, I take issue with your claim that you've ever fought for anything besides the spoils of elected office.

When you serve in battle, you learn that the true measure of leadership is performance, not empty rhetoric. And, on issues like national security, ethics in government, and fiscal responsibility (to name just a few), it's clear that there are massive differences between us. In fact, your July 10th letter indicates that I'm the only one who thinks they are priority. Fortunately, our debates will offer a forum for you to defend your record, and state your position on these issues more clearly.

Assuming the dates above are acceptable, please contact my Communications Director, Todd Stenhouse at (916) 397-1131 to begin working through the details. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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