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Petition and Notice to UNC-TV:

Shannon, I acknowledge your courteousness and fine comportment as to our discussion with regard to the UNC-TV televised Republican US Senate primary debate.

Thank you for hearing my concerns regarding failure of the above organization to include all legally filed Senate Candidates from the State of North Carolina in said debate.

As stated, the very act of excluding one half of the US Senate Republican Candidate field from a public debate over the public airways violates the due process clause of the United States Constitution as well as the equal protection clause thereof.

While the efforts of your fine organizations are well intended, they lack the benefit of law as expressed and codified and further as set out in common law as well as pursuant to the aforementioned precepts of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Your final determination as to who would qualify has been made weeks in advance of any public election and does not take into account the efforts including the potential for hundreds of thousands of dollars to be spent from the present date until the primary election ... all of which could bring to the front any candidates who have legally declared for this primary.

The said inclusions as espoused by your organizations and the resulting exclusions of US Senate candidates serve to send a signal from your organization that some candidates are more worthy of debate and consideration of their ideas than others...all of which is inimitable to law.

(I am not authorized to speak for the other three excluded candidates and can speak only for myself; however, to the extent that my comments are accurate and ring true and to the extent that they bring fairness toward all excluded candidates, I welcome such affects).

Mention is made of the paragon, matrix and paradigm provided by past US presidential primary debates involving a large number of candidates. It must be noted that none of those candidates, to my knowledge, ever were excluded. Your fine organization in this instance is not acting with regard to these issues as editorialists but in fact is acting as an organization, whose resulting attempts at exclusion simply are not legal.

Important polling data is not being considered, to wit: (among others) the initial public policy poll within several weeks after the filing period ended resulted in a finding that six of the candidates for the nomination would not defeat sitting Senator Kay Hagan whereas two would. The undersigned is one of the two. Poll indices in any event are arbitrary in the ranking of candidates selected to be shown via the public airways and are capricious and unreasonable.

Your board and/or employees could not choose who may file and run for United States Senate; yet, your agents in this instance are self appointed to establish the criteria to determine which candidates will receive important exposure over the public airways during the vital weeks before the primary in question.

I spoke in person with Tom Tillis, Greg Brannon, Mark Harris and Heather Grant (as well as Ted Alexander) who without reservation agree that all US Senate candidates should be invited to appear and participate in the debate. Tom Tillis has volunteered to execute a letter confirming his position as above stated.

Please accept this communication as a petition to adjure UNC-TV to concur with the above and to determine that all filed and legally registered candidates for US Senate must be invited and permitted to appear at the UNC-TV Debate/Forum.

This ____ day of _____, 2014.

Jim Snyder

*Filed and Certified Republican
candidate for United States Senate*