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Iowa Press 2022 4th Congressional District Debate

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Dear Iowa PBS,

As a legally qualified and ballot certified candidate and nominee of the Liberty Caucus for United States Representative for Iowa's 4th Congressional District I humbly request equal time opportunity and reasonable access to Iowa PBS under the Communications Act of 1934, Federal law, the United States Constitution, the Constitution of the State of Iowa and Iowa Code.

The other candidates in this race, Republican Party nominee and current US Representative Randy Feenstra and the Democratic Party nominee Ryan Melton were each invited to participate in an Iowa Press Debate in September 2022, absent any public demonstration that they met Iowa PBS' criteria for invitation or inclusion. Nominee Feenstra declined the invitation while Nominee Melton accepted the invitation. Also, what is Iowa PBS' compelling governmental interest in increasing the criteria's polling threshold from 5% to 10% for this election cycle? Iowa PBS' criteria requires that the candidate must be named in an "independent poll". There was no "independent poll" conducted & published in the 4th Congressional District race at the time nominees Feenstra and Melton were invited. Both nominees Feenstra and Melton therefore failed to meet that criteria for invitation/inclusion. Nominee Melton also failed to meet the criteria of \$50,000 in campaign contributions at the time of his invitation. What was the compelling governmental interest in waiving these criteria for Nominee Melton?

One week ago on September 23rd, 2022 Iowa PBS allowed Democratic Nominee Melton on Iowa Press for 30 minutes to promote his candidacy to influence the outcome of the election. Additionally, Libertarian Party Nominee for Governor of Iowa Rick Stewart was also afforded 30 minutes to promote his candidacy on Iowa Press. Clearly Iowa Press has demonstrated inclusiveness when informing the Citizens of Iowa on all the candidates in the Gubernatorial race.

This is the 5th time I've secured ballot access as a candidate for US House. Iowa reporters have repeatedly been on Iowa Press to discuss the races I've participated in and many of these same journalists have reported on my previous campaigns and current campaign in the The Gazette (Erin Murphy, James Lynch, Adam Sullivan), Des Moines Register (Jason Noble, Barbara Rodriguez, Brienne Pfannenstiel, Kathie Obradovich, Stephen Gruber-Miller), Radio Iowa (O. Kay Henderson), Iowa Public Radio (Clay Masters), Iowa Capitol Dispatch (Kathie Obradovich), Bleeding Heartland (Laura Belin) and the Iowa Torch (Shane Vander Hart). I've brought new ideas and new issues to the civic discourse including but not limited to the "Iowa Compromise" to reduce the size of our Congressional Districts to smaller constituencies. My campaign has always been newsworthy. I merely ask for an equal opportunity to participate in the marketplace of ideas and reasonable access to the Statewide Iowa PBS network & audience. Please advise.

I've included links to the numerous bona fide news stories and publications regarding my campaign and candidacy during this election cycle. I will continue to Endeavor to Persevere, prize our Liberties and maintain our Rights. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/Candidates/generalcandidateelist.pdf>

<https://www.thegazette.com/staff-columnists/threatened-by-libertarians-iowa-gop-moves-goal-posts/>

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2021/02/22/iowa-legislature-public-hearing-elections-bill-shorten-early-voting-county-auditor-charges/4542108001/>

Bryan Jack Holder, a Libertarian who has run for Congress four times in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District, said the bill would make it harder for Libertarians and independents to nominate candidates and place their names on the ballot.

"We the people no longer have representative government, nor free and fair elections, when independent and third-party candidates are punished with undue burdens and arbitrary and capricious standards to secure ballot access," he said.

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2022/04/28/libertarian-independent-iowa-candidates-elections-2022-file-law/7441934001/>

Liberty Caucus candidate Bryan Jack Holder, who has formerly run for office as a Libertarian, has qualified for the general election ballot in Iowa's conservative 4th Congressional District, where Republican U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra is seeking a second term.

https://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/republican-rep-randy-feenstra-to-face-nevada-democrat-council-bluffs-libertarian-in-iowa-4th-district/article_29ba710b-e4f9-5c63-91b6-4ee0d9c2ec97.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnvF9l61hwE>

<https://www.kwit.org/podcast/spm-news-english/2022-04-19/news-4-19-22>

<https://littlevillagemag.com/sixteen-candidates-for-u-s-house-and-senate-will-be-on-the-june-primary-ballot/>

<https://www.bleedingheartland.com/2022/03/21/barriers-for-third-party-candidates-reduced-iowa-voters-choices/>

Major-party candidates will be the only options in three of the four U.S. House races, which [are the most competitive](#). Bryan Jack Holder [filed as a "Liberty Caucus" candidate](#) in IA-04, which is generally considered safe for Republicans.

<https://www.ktiv.com/2022/07/08/candidates-iowas-fourth-congressional-district-couldnt-be-more-different/>

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/07/22/des-moines-register-political-soapbox-candidate-speeches-iowa-state-fair/10017928002/>

3 p.m.: Bryan Jack Holder, Liberty Caucus candidate for Iowa's 4th Congressional District

<https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/livefeeds/bryan-jack-holder-calls-for-reynolds-feenstra-to-make-soapbox-speeches/>

<https://www.radioiowa.com/2022/08/15/holder-is-liberty-caucus-candidate-in-fifth-us-house-campaign/>

<https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2022/08/22/gop-candidates-who-snub-mainstream-media-are-turning-their-backs-on-voters/>

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/statefair/strawpoll/statefairresults.aspx#3>

https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2022_08_23.html

<https://kscj.com/2022/08/22/gop-dominates-straw-poll-at-iowa-state-fair/>

<https://iowatorch.com/2022/08/23/state-fairgoers-pick-republicans-in-straw-poll/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iEm-TOR6W0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdAmBbi6cWY&t=337s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RgeQFnZwPw>

<https://www.kcci.com/article/3-candidates-running-to-represent-iowas-4th-congressional-district-feenstra-melton-holder/41395134>

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