



Remaining US Senate Candidates Will Join Debates

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Four Additional US Senate Candidates Agree To Join Debates

Iowa City, Iowa - September 2, 2014 - In a [letter mailed today](#) all remaining candidates for Iowa's open U.S. Senate seat expressed their willingness to join the debates hosted by The Des Moines Register, the Quad-City Times, and TV stations KCCI, KWQC, and KCAU. Doug Butzier, Bob Quast, Ruth Smith, and Rick Stewart jointly signed the letter, which asks for details regarding the cost of participation.

The letter also acknowledges the possibility of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses being further at risk if only two candidates participate in the debates. This comes on the heels of former state senator [Kent Sorenson's guilty plea in federal court](#), only days ago, to crimes related to accepting payment from a presidential campaign during Iowa's 2012 presidential caucus campaign. The [national press](#) is speculating Iowa's favorable front runner position may now be in jeopardy.

Iowa's 2014 senate campaign is widely considered to be the most important in the nation, as its results will determine who controls the senate. The [key to victory](#) appears to lie in the hands of Butzier, Quast, Smith and Stewart, as [recent polls](#) show each of them with enough support to cover the thin gap between the two front leaders in the campaign.

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