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U.S. Senate Candidate Eric Deaton Backs Petition for Inclusive Political Debates in Ohio:

Eric Deaton, Constitution Party candidate for the U.S. Senate from Ohio, is backing a petition to demand that Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner use her authority to ensure inclusive political debates in Ohio where all candidates can be heard. This petition has been started by Socialist Dan Labotz and has the approval of the Deaton Campaign.

The online petition points out that Republican candidate Rob Portman and Democratic Party candidate Lee Fisher have been discussing the possibility of debates, which would exclude the Socialist Dan La Botz as well as the Constitution Party candidate Eric Deaton.

“The Ohio Secretary of State has the responsibility to ensure fair elections,” says Mr. Deaton. “So far Jennifer Brunner has done a good job to ensure that all parties and candidates will appear on the ballot, but if an election is to be fair, then voters have to be able to hear all of the candidates’ views and not just a few chosen parties.”

It is obvious that most Americans are now disgusted with the predominant two party system and are looking for alternatives. “It is time for all of us to stop voting for the lesser-of-two-evils and start voting for people we believe in,” says Mr. Deaton. The petition reads as follows:

Petition for Inclusive Political Debates in Ohio

SIGN THE PETITION FOR INCLUSIVE POLITICAL DEBATES IN OHIO -
YOU NEED NOT BE FROM OHIO TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT POLITICAL PRINCIPLE.

Once again, as in many elections in recent years, the Republican and Democratic parties, together with the corporate news media, are arranging candidate debates that exclude all but those two parties. Here in Ohio, the Republican candidate for Senate Rob Portman and his Democratic opponent Lee Fisher are currently discussing a debate, which would apparently bar from participation both Dan La Botz, the Socialist Party candidate, and Eric Deaton, the Constitution Party candidate. Such exclusive debates keep information from the public and distort the political process.

We the undersigned, believing that an informed public and educated electorate are essential to good government, and believing that all candidates from all parties should have equal opportunity to face each other in public forums and to debate the issues before the public, therefore petition Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner (the Ohio official responsible for overseeing elections) to insure that all of the candidates in the Ohio Senate race as well as other national, state and local races have an equal opportunity to participate in debates before the public. We call upon all candidates in Ohio and the sponsors of all debates and candidate forums to ensure that representatives of all legally registered parties are invited and included.

Eric Deaton – C

Dan LaBotz – S

The Deaton Campaign urges you to add your name to the petition text above and email it to Brian Shinn, S.O.S. General Counsel at Bshinn@sos.state.oh.us so our voices will be heard.