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VIA FACSIMILE

Rep. John Carter
P.O. Box 6930
Round Rock, TX

Dear Mr. Carter,

I believe we have a responsibility to discuss the issues in front of the people of our district in a series of debates. I am aware of several candidates' forums across the District we have been invited to, most of which you have declined. I am certain there is a logical reason for this. With that in mind, I invite you to participate with me in the online Print Debate that does not require you to travel. As you may be aware, Print Debate offers a new and unique opportunity to engage in an honest debate on the important issues of this campaign.

Reminiscent of the Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers, this debate format offers both of us an equal opportunity to express our plans and initiatives for this office in the United States House of Representatives; to debate the issues; and to clearly explain our platforms. The step-by-step process will allow each of us to ask questions of the other and follow up with rebuttals and responses to rebuttals.

The debate structure also provides an opportunity for citizens to ask questions directly. This will allow the people of Texas Congressional District 31 to have a clear understanding of our policies and vision for the future. I believe this format will encourage an open and in-depth exchange of political ideas, making us both accountable to the voters.

The debate will be hosted on *printdebate.com*, and will take place throughout the month of October. If you wish to participate in Print Debate, the terms and protocols of the debate require that you respond to this letter by the *24th of September*. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Stahl at the Print Debate Center at 650-714-1802. I hope you share my enthusiasm and willingness to engage in a real discussion on the issues—focused on substance rather than clichés, meaningless 30-second bumper sticker spots, and one-sided partisan statements that go unchecked. I will be looking forward to receiving your response and anticipate a positive, healthy debate.

Sincerely,

Jon E. Porter
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