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## Demas Formally Challenges Gordon to Print Debate Candidate is Early Adopter of New Campaign Forum

COOKEVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 20—U.S. Congressional candidate Nick Demas formally challenged his opponent, U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon (D-Tenn.), to debate the issues in a unique new written format, the Print Debate. Gordon has until 8:00 PM CDT Monday to respond. Demas is only the second candidate in the nation to issue a debate challenge in this new forum.

“There is nothing more important than the issues; neither party nor patronage are more important than the issues. The people of the Tennessee 6th Congressional District deserve clear statements from the candidates on where they stand,” Demas said.

The Online Print Debate is a new debate forum that provides a step-by-step process for candidates to engage in a debate. Print Debate founder John Connolly calls it “an innovative forum combining online channels and traditional print outlets to create a modern emulation of the Federalist Papers. It creates a truly level playing field, encouraging an open and in-depth exchange of political ideas between opposing candidates. In the course of a four-round debate, which takes place online and in print, candidates state their positions, express plans and initiatives and answer questions from each other and the public.”

Citizens can participate in the Print Debate by posing questions to the candidates that will be included in the debate format. Because the debate takes place over several weeks, it promotes a thoughtful, substantive debate focused on the issues. The voting public can follow the entire debate, which will be available online and in print. If Gordon rejects the challenge, Demas posts his positions against an empty half-page.

“An informed electorate is the cornerstone of our democracy, and this new debate forum is definitely a step in the right direction,” Demas said.

Details of the Print Debate process and rules are at [www.printdebate.com](http://www.printdebate.com).

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