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McLeod-Skinner Holds Debate at Rogue Community College in Medford
Will Representative Walden Show Up?

BEND, OR, August 30, 2018 — Almost a month ago, on July 31, Jamie McLeod-Skinner hand-delivered a formal debate invitation to Rep. Walden’s Bend office as a follow up to the challenge she issued him at the Chief Joseph Days Parade on July 28. Despite Rep. Walden saying, “I look forward to debating you” at the parade, numerous outreach attempts by the campaign, news and political organizations have been met with silence.

Organizations willing to host a debate cannot plan without both parties agreeing. Regardless, the McLeod-Skinner campaign is moving forward on its own. The campaign has booked the Rogue Community College, SOU Higher Education Center, Room 132 located at 101 S Bartlett St, on August 31 from noon to 1:30pm. If Rep. Walden chooses to show up, he can speak for himself. If not, McLeod-Skinner will debate his positions, which will be presented based on publicly available statements and his voting record. McLeod-Skinner says “Voters should expect their elected representatives to listen to their concerns and to explain their position on important policy issues. For the past 14 months, I have enjoyed meeting with and listening to the people of our district. I am confident there is a common road forward to address the challenges that our communities are facing.”

Rep. Walden has not held a town hall in over 500 days and has not hosted any public meetings during this summer’s recess. Photo ops don’t satisfy the desire of citizens for answers and accountability. Rep. Walden needs to hold public meetings and be willing to debate his ideas. If he is not ashamed of his track record, he should be willing to show up to defend it.

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