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**Agreement Reached on Debate**

***Walden, McLeod-Skinner to Meet October 5***

BEND, Ore.— Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Democratic candidate for the U.S House of Representatives in Oregon’s 2nd Congressional District, will debate incumbent Rep. Greg Walden in a live broadcast on Friday, Oct 5th.

The 60-minute debate, the only one currently scheduled between the candidates, will be broadcast live from the studio of KTVZ Newschannel 21 in Bend starting at 7 p.m., and live streamed at [ktvz.com](http://ktvz.com). Questions from the public will be solicited during the broadcast via KTVZ Newschannel 21 newscasts and can be submitted via a form on the station’s website at [ktvz.com/share](http://ktvz.com/share).

McLeod-Skinner will present her policy ideas concerning protecting access to healthcare, strengthening the economy, and investing in education.

McLeod-Skinner proposed debate schedules to Walden several times, [most recently in a Sept. 19 letter](#), suggesting at least two additional debates in eastern and southern Oregon. To date, Walden has not responded to any of the proposals, and maintains that the KTVZ Newschannel 21 venue offers a “central location.”

McLeod-Skinner had previously criticized Walden’s [unilateral announcement](#) last week of readiness to debate in a tightly controlled format at the KTVZ Newschannel 21 studio on grounds that executives of the host station’s parent company donated money to Walden’s campaign.

The final format of the debate partially remedies format concerns raised by McLeod-Skinner last week regarding public accessibility, sourcing of questions, and time for candidate statements. “I invited my opponent two months ago to debate anywhere in our district,” McLeod-Skinner said. “He still hasn’t communicated with my campaign

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directly, and this will not be a traditional debate, but at least voters will get to see us exchange views.”

“I thank the leadership of KTVZ Newschannel 21 for its willingness to make modifications to address issues we raised, and I look forward to debating my opponent,” McLeod-Skinner said.

Independent Party Candidate Mark Roberts is also scheduled to participate in the debate.

The 2nd Congressional District spans nearly two-thirds of Oregon including all 18 counties east of the Cascades, Jackson County and parts of Josephine County near Grants Pass.

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