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TO: Laura Billman
FROM: Chuck Muth
DATE: April 3, 2018

As per my letter to you last Friday, Mr. Hof has unconditionally accepted Mr. Oscarson's debate invitation for April 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm on KPVM under your terms and format. He will be there and looks forward to discussing Mr. Oscarson's many failings in representing the voters of District 36 over the last six years.

That said, please allow me to correct yet another falsehood you and your client are peddling on his campaign website...

"The Hof campaign is still insistent that Hof has the ability to look up answers on mobile devices from the internet or be fed the answers through the use of some sort of electronic listening/communication device during the debate. We don't see the need for these types of crutches since Assemblyman Oscarson can clearly stand on his own two feet."

Now, since plain English definitely seems to be a second language to you, please allow me to once again share exactly what our stated, written position on this matter was, as outlined in my letter to you dated March 18, 2018...

5.) The purpose of a debate is to inform the public. As such we question the rationale of prohibiting the candidates from using electronic equipment during the discussion.

This is the 21st century. If a candidate can more fully inform the public on important issues and questions by quickly accessing information via an electronic device, such as a cell phone or laptop computer, that better serves the public interest.

Therefore, we counter-propose that there be no ban on the candidates from the opportunity to avail themselves, at their discretion, to the use of electronic equipment – or any other resources they may choose to bring with them - during the debate.

This was our COUNTER-PROPOSAL to you. That's it. A proposal. At no time and in no way were we ever "insistent" on the use of electronic devices. We merely suggested it.

You rejected it. We accepted your decision and accepted your terms. So please stop falsely claiming otherwise.

That said, we still believe our request on this matter was reasonable.

For example, how is anyone supposed to memorize the bill numbers and details for all 29 of the 32 tax hikes Mr. Oscarson voted for? Being able to pull up those details during the debate after Mr. Oscarson looks into the camera and denies having done so would have helped to better inform the voters.

But that's all water over the dam now. So let's address the unresolved issue...

Also in my letter last Friday we advised that the Friends of Hof campaign purchased the hour worth of programming immediately after your purchased hour for your debate on April 11th.

And we challenged Mr. Oscarson to stick around and have a more thorough, open discussion about this race, one-on-one, with national conservative talk-show host Rusty Humphries moderating.

As of this date, Mr. Oscarson has yet to accept our challenge, even though you claim he "can clearly stand on his own two feet."

Well, can he or can't he? Which is it? Will Mr. Oscarson accept OUR challenge on our terms just as we accepted his?

Since Mr. Humphries would be coming to Pahrump from his home in Phoenix, AZ we need to make travel arrangements if Mr. Oscarson decides to participate. With that in mind, we would greatly appreciate your confirmation of his acceptance or his rejection of our offer by close of business this Thursday, April 5, 2018.

And by the way, we again challenge Mr. Oscarson to a series of multiple public debates and/or forums throughout the district over the next ten weeks. I know you've claimed he's "too busy" to face the voters in such live, public events, but if he changes his mind just let us know.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Dennis Hof