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Dear Katheryn,

It was great talking to you on the phone last Thursday. This email is in reference to the complaint made by Ebert Beeman (MUR 7514) - for not being invited to appear at the Pennsylvania Congressional 16th Candidates Forum, which was held on October 8 at the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, on the campus of Mercyhurst University.

There were four partners who each had a role in the debate's production.

1. Mercyhurst University
2. WJET-TV 24 (Nextstar Broadcasting)
3. WQLN Public Media
4. The Manufacturer & Business Association of Northwest Pennsylvania

Our rolls were (casually) defined as -

- WQLN Public Media was the production facilitator for this debate. By this I mean WQLN provided cameras and camera operators, switching equipment, the TV production's director and a feed of the debate to WJET TV studios. We also provided one of the 4 panelists. The panelist we provided was a WQLN volunteer radio host and the Executive Director of an Erie are non-profit called ServErie.
- WJET-TV was the editorial lead partner for the debate. They provided the host and moderator and the criteria for how candidates were chosen for a debate.
- The Manufacturer & Business Association planned the debate, and invited the candidates. The planning process began in early June. It took three months to negotiate the details. The Manufacturer & Business Association also provided a panelist.
- Mercyhurst University provided the location for the debate and two panelists.

The debate planners for the October 8th debate did not discuss Mr. Beeman's candidacy until September 26. Then on October 5th and based on Nextstar's "clear and consistent" criteria for debate participation we decided to move forward with the debate as planned - with only the Republican and Democratic candidates.

We did provide Mr. Beeman space at Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center where he was permitted to hand out campaign literature. He occupied that space before and after the debate.

I believe Mercyhurst University, WJET-TV 24 (Nextstar Broadcasting), and the Manufacturer & Business Association of Northwest Pennsylvania will contact you individually.

Please let me know if there is anything else you will need from me.

Best,
 Tom

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