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Subject: Vermont Public/PBS What is your reason for excluding me from U.S. Senate candidate debate?

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022 12:27:06 PM

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

To: Vermont Public/PBS:

Please explain your criteria for including or excluding candidates from debates.

I find online that you have announced a political candidate debate for U.S. Senate candidates that I have been excluded from on Thursday October 13, 2022.

[Voter Information \(vermont.gov\)](#)

Click on the above link and click on 2022 Candidates for the General Election, see Cris Ericson for U.S. Senator.

What is your criteria for debate exclusion; or inclusion?

Please note that in 2020 I was a statewide candidate and received about 15% of the vote for Auditor for a major party in Vermont, the Progressive Party. I am a valid candidate.

You have included only two candidates, a male Republican and a male Democrat. I am a woman. Vermont has never voted to send

a woman to the U.S. Senate before. How does your criteria for inclusion or exclusion from debates promote inclusiveness?

I can see only one email on your website:
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Vermont Public ELECTION 2022

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Vermont Public will host a series of midterm election debates on radio, TV and livestream starting Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Vermont's 2022 midterm election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Vermont Public will host a series of debates in October featuring the major-party candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House, governor and lieutenant governor — and we want your questions for the candidates.

The debate schedule



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NEXT UP: 12:00 PM Hidden Brain

the Vermont Public YouTube page. The debates will broadcast on our main TV channel the same day at 7 p.m. You can also listen in the *Vermont Edition* podcast feed.

The debates will be held live and in-person at the Vermont Public Winooski studios.

[Find our debate guidelines here.](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 11 — U.S. House debate [Host: Connor Cyrus]

- [State Senate President Pro Tem Becca Balint](#) (Democrat)
- [Liam Madden](#) (Republican)

Thursday, Oct. 13 — U.S. Senate debate [Host: Mikaela Lefrak]

- [Gerald Malloy](#) (Republican)
- [Rep. Peter Welch](#) (Democrat)

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