

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Espinosa, John

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Plish, David

I support the petition!!!

Comments provided by :
Acton, John

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Allen, Jeremy

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Allen, Kerrin

I SUPPORT the petition to amend 11 CFR 110.13?.

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I support the requirement that sponsors of general election presidential and vice presidential debates have a set of objective, unbiased criteria for debate participation that do not require candidates to satisfy a polling threshold.

Comments provided by :
Altieri, Jeffrey

I support a repeal of the polling threshold in the presidential/vice presidential debates. Any candidate(s) on the ballot in a majority of the states need to be included in the televised debates.

Comments provided by :
Andersen , Brian

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Anderson, Anthony

I support this petition.

Comments provided by :
anderson, sean

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Annan, Patrick

I support this!

Comments provided by :
Anton , Luke

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Anton, Kenneth

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Arthur, Mark

America needs more than two options. Diversity of opinion is what makes our country great. We need fair elections

Comments provided by :

Bailie, Mark

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Baldvinsson, Jon Thor

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Barcus, Michael

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Bartels, Doug

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Barton, Edwin

I support the petition. It is my belief that the people of this country should hear all candidates in a debate not just two, in order to make an informed decision at the polls.

Comments provided by :
Bates, David

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Comments provided by :
Beit, Robert

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Bellamy, Mark

I strongly support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Bellinger, Bryon

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Bentham, Eric

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Benzel, Brad

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Comments provided by :
Bergeron, Elizabeth

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Comments provided by :
Berson, Steven

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Comments provided by :
Bickett, Christopher

I support the petition. It's time for popularity, money, and name recognition to go by the wayside. We need integrity, transparency, and accountability. We need something other than career politicians.

Comments provided by :
Bischoff, Michael

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Blacker, Jeremy

Dear Commissioners:

I write in support of the petition for rule making and adopt the arguments of the Petitioner that public opinion polls are insufficient for meeting the pre-existing objective criteria safe harbor of 11 CFR 110(13)(c). I have attached a file to elaborate.

Comments provided by :
Blitz, Eric

I support this. Independents and other party candidates should not be excluded from debates. Thanks

Comments provided by :
bluel, David

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Comments provided by :
Boltz, Jonathan

I would like to see the rules changed on Presidential and Vice Presidential debates to allow all candidates who will appear on the ballot to be invited to participate. I understand that there needs to be some rules or every Tom, Dick and Harry would want in and it would undermine the process. However, when a candidate has gotten ballot access in enough states to theoretically win enough electoral votes to win the election I would like to see them debate. I think it adds to the process and will bring new ideas to light for ALL the candidates who participate.

Comments provided by :
Bourne, Nathan

I support the general purpose of the petition, in that it is in the public interest to allow minority parties to be heard in public debates. Neither party affiliation, nor substantial polling requirements should be permitted, as they only serve to quell variety in the public debate.

Comments provided by :
Bracher, Christoph

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Brewer, Stephen

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Briscoe, Scott

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Comments provided by :
Britton, Jason

I support the petition. I want to hear from all qualified candidates so that I can make an informed decision.

Comments provided by :
Brownawell, Kristin

I support the petition. I do not feel it is fair to the american public to require a polling threshold be met before potential candidates are given a chance to speak. I grew up in the United States of America and was taught in public school that our government is a democracy and that all voices are represented. I firmly believe that a caviot of polling requirements was never intended by our founding fathers when they established our great nation and that the polling requirements are unconstitutional in that they don't give everyone an equal right to voice their personal and their party's concerns.

Thank you for your time,
Travis Browning

Comments provided by :
Browning, Travis

DO IT!

Comments provided by :
Broyles, David

I support inviting third parties to debates.

Comments provided by :
Bryant, Jessica

I support the petition. All qualified candidates should be a part of the process.

Comments provided by :
Bullock, Larry

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Burke, Alexander

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Burns, Thomas

I support the petition!

Comments provided by :
Burtner, Levi

To Whom It May Concern:

In order to have a fair and unbiased election process, and for the people to be able to choose the best and most qualified candidate, it is important that all qualified parties have an opportunity to be heard in a public forum. To only allow 2 parties, is discriminatory, and not a true reflection of a free country or democracy, and we should not allow fear to stand in the way of progress or our country's future strength.

Sincerely,

Nicole Byrnside

Comments provided by :
Byrnside, Nicole

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Carbrey, Katie

I strongly support the petition to amend

Comments provided by :
Carter, Victoria

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Comments provided by :
Caruso, Gary

I support this amendment. Allowing the third party candidates a platform like this is necessary to ensure all possible options are considered when making a decision such as electing an official to any office.

Comments provided by :
Casler, Richard

There needs to be more than 2 party voices in debates. Allow more candidates to address their issues. Republicans and Democrats are both failing. We will never solve the problems we face without hearing different arguments.

Comments provided by :
Castille, Paul

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Comments provided by :
Clare, Austin

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Coil, anthony

I support any proposed changes that would allow a candidate with even the smallest chance of winning to debate the Republican and Democratic candidates.

Comments provided by :
collins, corey

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Colliver, Edward

I support the petition. Candidates must be allowed to join the debate, otherwise we will only hear from and elect candidates who support the establishment, and not the people. It is imperative that this changes.

Comments provided by :
Cornelius, Caleb

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Correll, Bryan

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Coughlin, Shane

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Coyle, Edward

Let the American public hear another voice! No one ever knows there are other candidates to vote for. Citizens don't take the time to educate themselves in this media driven world. What they see on TV is what they are going to tell themselves. Let other candidates voice their opinions in national debates!

Comments provided by :
Curry, Amber

I support this

Comments provided by :
Cyphers , Jeanie

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Comments provided by :
Damerell, Steven

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Davies, Thomas

I support the petition!

Comments provided by :
Davis, Richard

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Comments provided by :
de Leonard, Jeffrey

I support the petition. The freedom to debate is essential!

Comments provided by :
Decker, Andrew

I support this Amendment. Barriers to hear other candidates should be eliminated. It is in the best interest of our Democracy to be able to hear all options in a debate.

Comments provided by :
Dixon, Kevin

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Downey, Shane

Support this

Comments provided by :
dunagan, Kip

I support the petition. America needs this.

Comments provided by :
Dunbar, Domenico

I support this change to the amendment.

Why haven't we heard from more independent candidates who don't fall into republican or democratic parties agendas? Because you won't allow it. This is unfair to those candidates who wish to raise issues and provide solutions.

Please change the amendment.

I would also like information sent to me on filing requirements for candidates wishing to run for President of the United States. I would like to explore my candidacy for 2016.

Comments provided by :
duPriest, Kevin

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
eastlake, alison

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Elliott, Shannon

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Fauss, Ron

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Comments provided by :
Felton, Elizabeth

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Fenner, Roger

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Fetterman, James

I support any legislation that promotes the admittance of additional parties to political debates!

Comments provided by :
Fitzpatrick , Thomas

I support the petition. All viewpoints must be heard.

Comments provided by :
Foppiano, Anthony

This is long overdue

Comments provided by :
Ford, Nicholas

I support the petition!

Comments provided by :
Franz, Wojciech

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Gable, William

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Gain, Phillip

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Comments provided by :
Gallup, Alexander

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Comments provided by :
Geer, Megan

I support this petition

Comments provided by :
GEORGE, STEVEN

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Gerard, Donald

I support the petition. More than two political parties need to be on the stage. Maybe top 3 or 4 or 5. For sure the Libertarian Party. Thank you.

Chris Gerrior

Comments provided by :
Gerrior, Chris

I support allowing third-party candidates the right to participate in TV and radio debates without attaining a predetermined threshold of voter support. The American political process is broken. Voters choose not to participate in primary elections to avoid declaring their party affiliation, thereby allowing the two major parties with the aid of government jobholders to control the outcome of primary elections. This practice gives the voter in general elections the choice only between one established political party favorite or the other, both co-opted and owing allegiance to a major party. Secondly, signature requirements are also used to make it difficult for an independent or third-party candidate to get on the ballot. The press has the ability to level the playing field, but often the press will ignore a candidate despite great merit in ideas and courage (e.g. opposing the war on drugs) for failure to successfully pass through its "electability" screening, the gatekeepers excluding those without name recognition, deep pockets, or political power endorsement or patronage from receiving media coverage. US Supreme Court decisions allowing corporate money into the process without limit by declaring corporations a person entitled to First Amendment protection, closes the broken political system link. Still, third party admission to the televised and radio debate stage could help restore health to the system. Thank you for listening.

Comments provided by :
Gierach, James E.

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Gilliland, Richard

Having a threshold before allowing additional parties to participate in presidential debates contradicts an open and free election, especially in our current world of mass media. Eliminate the threshold and allow other parties to participate.

Comments provided by :
Gillis, Michael

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Ginsburg, George

I SUPPORT the petition to amend 11 CFR 110.13(c).

Comments provided by :
Golding, Thomas

I support the amendment.

Comments provided by :
Gorney, Jason

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Graber, Jared

I support this petition. Limiting candidates to two parties because the organization running the debates is also run by those parties is a terrible idea. Anyone on the ballot in enough states to theoretically be elected should be invited to the debates.

Comments provided by :
Grabow , Travis

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Green, Daniel

I support this petition.

Comments provided by :
Greene, Elizabeth

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Grether, John

I SUPPORT the petition to amend 11 CFR 110.13?.

Voters should have the option of hearing from all candidates who are capable of winning, no matter the party.

Comments provided by :
Greve, Traci

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Grohman, Matthew

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Comments provided by :
Grubham, Lloyd

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Guidry, Pinky Arianne

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Comments provided by :
Guittard, John

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Comments provided by :
Gupta, Raji

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Habig, Adam

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Hadley, Scott

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Hagemann, Kory

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Haken, Shauna

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Hall, Adam

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Hall, Mariana

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Hall, William

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Comments provided by :
Hasty, Matt

I support the petition to open Presidential debates to more than just the two major parties. We need a free and vigorous debate in this country.

Comments provided by :
Heath, Seth

I support this Amendment.

Comments provided by :
Heistuman, Fred

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Held, Joseph

There are more parties than the two you've 'graciously' given us to choose between. If neither Democrats nor Republicans want to accurately represent the public, and instead divide them, then I would rather vote for someone who accurately represents my political views. Choosing the lesser of two evils is still just two wrong choices, no matter how you look at it. Limiting the populace to this is inherently wrong and oppressive.

Comments provided by :
Helfer, Ashley

I support this.

Comments provided by :
Herbert , Michael

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Comments provided by :
Hessler, Matthew

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Comments provided by :
higgins, lucas

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Comments provided by :
Hill, Roger

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Comments provided by :
Hines, Jonathan

I wholeheartedly and actively support the petition, a petition that will better our nation for generations to come.

Comments provided by :
Hobeck, Eric

I support the petition. How is a third party candidate supposed to be polling at a certain percentage if the media doesn't talk about them and they are not allowed to express their views on national debates?

Comments provided by :
holmes, brandon

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Houchins, Rex

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Hudson, David

I support the petition. Any qualified candidate should have access to the debates without arbitrary conditions such as polling thresholds.

Comments provided by :
Hutcherson, Ryan

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Hyde, Amy

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Jackson, Greling

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Jackson, Kathryn

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James, Simon

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Comments provided by :
Johnson, Doug

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Comments provided by :
johnson, jeff

I support the petition. Do work for the people, not just for the political parties that seek to control the FEC.

Comments provided by :
Jones, Jeff

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Kavadas, Levi

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Keel, Dawn

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Kennedy, Ross

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Khalsa, Gurusimran

I believe that in the spirit of freedom...the most fundamental of American ideals...we allow open and easy access to debates. Surely, it would not be manageable to allow thousands of people to debate at the same time, but given that our current laws governing the ever important presidential (and local) debates tend to favor the two party system...why don't we open it up to at the very least the lesser known parties such as the Libertarian Party, the Green Party and any party that has 100,000 registered voters across the nation (a rather low threshold, but a significant improvement over our current two party duopoly in debating). This may open the debates up to having a dozen or so actual contenders and this is by no means a perfect option, but I would argue that enacting such a change would satisfy the largest number of interested persons and allow for the greatest level of freedom.

Comments provided by :
Kimelman, Jeffrey

I support this petition.

Comments provided by :
Kin, Tambria

I support the petition. I do not feel adequately represented by the two party system.

Comments provided by :
Klingler, Josiah

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Kreger, Ron

PLEASE stop the pathetic two party limit to presidential debates. It is far to obvious that clinging to the notion that a limiting government participation to two parties serves the parties and not the public. The change is long over due.
Thank you, Bill Kutlesa

Comments provided by :
Kutlesa, William

I support this petition. Failing to include more than two candidates in national presidential debates has helped to turn the American Democracy into a farce.

Comments provided by :
Laffoon, Dan

Please have fairness in Presidential debates by allowing Independent(s) a third voice to debate alongside the more popular Democrat and Republican candidates.

Thank you.

Comments provided by :
LANG, Joseph

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Comments provided by :
LANG, Joseph

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Comments provided by :
Larance, Jarod

I would like to see the amendment passed, because it is unfair to the other candidates and the voters when only two parties debate. The debates should be open to all candidates, not just the two with the deepest pockets.

Comments provided by :
Latimer, Gordon

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Lawson, Chastity

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Leahy, Rory

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Lebsack, Tim

I support the petition. The thresholds required for candidates to appear in presidential debates is antithetical to the very idea of a free and open society. The current rules give the two major parties a monopoly on the presidency as well as political ideas that reach the general public through mainstream outlets. If we are to continue to call ourselves a democracy, this needs to change.

Comments provided by :
Lederman, Brian

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
LeMaster, Timothy

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Lewis, Mark

I support the petition to level the playing field by allowing qualified candidates to participate in presidential debates irrespective of polling numbers.

Comments provided by :
Livingston, Rachel

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Third Party candidates bring important issues up in debates that would otherwise be looked over and not discussed as well. Discussion of all issues, not just major ones that are divisive among parties are important in a democratic republic such as ours so that voters can make informed decisions when heading to the polls.

Comments provided by :
Loglisci, James

I support this proposal.

Comments provided by :
Longano, Jim

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Comments provided by :
Lowery, KD

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Comments provided by :
MacCutcheon, Michelle

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Macik, Matthew

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Madden, Matthew

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Mahlendorf, Candance

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Mahoney, Robert

I support the petition. All candidates should be heard from.

Comments provided by :
Maiura, Timothy

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Maras, Diana

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Marino, francis

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Martinez, angel

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Marum, Erik

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Masson, Jorge

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Matull, Michael

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Mayo, Matthew

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Mayor, Jim

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Mays, Eva

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
McBride, Cady

I support this petition.

Comments provided by :
MCCANN, DONA,LD

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
McDonald, M

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I was MORTIFIED when I saw the way that Ron Paul was completely railroaded at the RNC in 2012 and I want to be sure this sort of thing won't happen again.

Thank you very much.

Comments provided by :
McElroy, Sean

Neither republicans nor democrats truly represent the political views of most Americans. I wholeheartedly believe that not voting for a third party is a waste of a vote and the people deserve to hear another voice.

Comments provided by :
McGill, Jedediah

I support this petition

Comments provided by :
McKeague, Joseph

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
McKinnis, Jon

I support the petition. What's the difference between an "approved" one-party system and an "approved" two-party system?

Comments provided by :
McRuer, Aaron

I strongly support this change. Thank you!

Comments provided by :
Meehl, Paul

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Comments provided by :
Merrow, Jonathan

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Meyer, Joseph

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
middleton, Susan

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Comments provided by :
MIELKE, DIANE

Please allow a third party in the presidential debates

Comments provided by :
Moore , Elizabeth

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Moreng , Jesse

I support the petition because I believe that the American people are cheated when they don't get to hear other points of view regarding issues important to our country.

Comments provided by :
Moyle, Joe

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Respectfully,
Charles Mullins

Comments provided by :
Mullins, Charles

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Musgrave, Randall

I support the Petition.

Comments provided by :
Myers, Kent

I support this petition. America needs exposure to fresh ideas outside the two-party system.

Comments provided by :
Nesteruk, Erik

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Newbold, Tom

The most cherished institution of the United States is our free elections. But, free elections cannot exist where citizens are kept apart from knowledge by the powers that be. It is an American imperative that we expose the voters to all views of how to run this country. It is a necessity for our survival as a country that we expand our sights to survey all ideas. For this reason, please pass this Amendment.

Very Respectfully,

A deeply concerned citizen

Comments provided by :
Newman, Brian

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Nichols, Shawn

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Comments provided by :
Nichols, Shawn

I support the petition. Anyone that is on the ballot in enough states to win the election should have a part in the debate.

Comments provided by :
Nicholson, Greg

I SUPPORT THE PETITION

Comments provided by :
Nick, Richard

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Comments provided by :
Noftz, Mark

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Ocasio, Lisette

I support this measure

Comments provided by :
O'Connor, Kevin

I fully support this petition.

Comments provided by :
Oxford, Ryan

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Pachol, John

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Comments provided by :
Parker, Jacob

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Parks, Robert

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Comments provided by :
Patton, Nolan

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Payne, George

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Pearce, Stephanie

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Comments provided by :
Pflanz, Christopher

All citizens should be allowed to participate in presidential debates with no minimum threshold.
Thank you.

Comments provided by :
piper, mark

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Plesco, Todd

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Pruce, Michael

As an informed voter, I would like to see ALL candidates debate.

Comments provided by :
Ravell, Michelle

Please allow third party candidates a place in the presidential debates!

Comments provided by :
Redington, Debbie

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Comments provided by :
rinne, christopher

Not allowing a candidate of a third or independent party To participate in presidential debates will only keep our great nation in the dark about the issues that truly need to be fixed. the more voices and more opinions we have the better our society can make an educated decision on who to vote for

Comments provided by :
robb, Sean

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Rockefeller, Robert

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Comments provided by :
Roemer, Victoria

As I understand it. The Obminous Bill passed the house with more restrictions to allow equality with our election process. The lawyer of Harry Reid actually wrote some addition to the budget giving a direct line of contributors exclusively toward the duopoly Dem/Reps. I'm tired of having unfair restriction to viable choices whom I deem that would best serve as elected officials. Give equal rights to make fair public debates to include all independent parties. In paticular the Libertarian Party. This proposal is way over do. Sincerely RL Roseland

Comments provided by :
Roseland, Robert

I support this petition

Comments provided by :
Rosendale, Robert

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Ross, Sheldon

I support this petition.

Hearing from more than two candidates in a debate gives perspectives from more sides of the issue. Debates have turned into media spectacles lately, I'd much rather see them become more useful even if they lose some of their ratings appeal. There is a real danger in trying to limit discourse to only two major parties. Where the parties agree is a no-mans-land that ordinary citizens don't get to hear much about and it is in these areas that the most egregious problems sometimes need to be solved.

Comments provided by :
Rumelhart, Paul

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Sabin, Timothy

I support this petition! The American people DESERVE to be properly informed of ALL candidates during presidential elections. Limiting the debates to Republican and Democratic candidates undermines the very foundation upon which this country was founded, FREEDOM. We deserve the freedom to be informed of ALL of our options before election day. There is monumental value in diversity, and the debates need more diversity!

Comments provided by :
Samples, Jacob

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Sanborn, Nicholas

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Comments provided by :

Schaa, Britta

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Schmidt, Jake

I support the Petition.

Comments provided by :
Schreiner, Candice

I am a taxpayer and a voter and I support this petition.

Comments provided by :
sgambati, karen

I support this petition

Comments provided by :
Shackleford, Rusty

I support changes.

Comments provided by :
Shepperd, Chad

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Comments provided by :
Sheriff, Robert

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Shoemaker, Vanessa

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Showers, Matthew

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Siders, Ian

I wholeheartedly support this petition.

Why?

The United States of America has been praised as a melting pot, as a gleaming city on a hill, as a place of opportunity and freedom.

When you compare these promises and images with the reality that our mainstream political options are deliberately narrowed to only two choices, both of which have extremely large donations from very similar organizations, it is simply laughable to state that Americans are given a fair option of choice in politics.

It may be unlikely for a third party to rise to primacy with the first-past-the-post voting system we currently have. But enabling these alternative voices to be seen on television, standing with the Republican and Democrat candidates, are absolutely essential to maintaining a healthy relationship between citizen and government. Americans are losing faith in the government, and becoming more aloof with the mechanics of how it is run. Congressional approval is at an all-time low, the President has been called the most media-unfriendly Commander-in-Chief of all time, and the Supreme Court vetting process is too prone to railroading. Compound all of this with an intractable political crisis seeming to bog down our government every other week, it should be obvious that the two choices made obvious to us are not up to snuff.

Finding a political party where citizens they can adequately express their beliefs without being constrained by big party politics or overwhelming propaganda will bring people to not only be more involved with national politics, but local politics. This will lead to people being more involved with their community. And nothing generates more good will and charity than a sense of community.

For the good of the nation, I implore you- open up the debates.

Comments provided by :
Siess, Christopher

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Simek, David

I want open debates between all candidates, not restricted to the two main parties.

Comments provided by :
Sisson, David

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Comments provided by :
Smith, Lorinda

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Comments provided by :
Sommer, Clifton

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Sonnenfeld, Greg

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Soulier, Tristan

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I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Soyars, Sr., Robert

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Squires, Micah

I support this petition

Comments provided by :
Staehle, Jacob

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
stanley, carol

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Stasko, Adam

I fully support this petition.

Comments provided by :
Steigerwaldt, Tim

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Sterling, Michael

I SUPPORT THE PETITION! FAIR ELECTIONS NOW.

Comments provided by :
Stetter, Veronica

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Stevens, Martia

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Stewart, Thomas

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Sutton, Jeremy

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Suursoo, Heather

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Tackett, Jack

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Comments provided by :
Taimanglo, Eric

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Teal, Creighton

I Support The Petition

Comments provided by :
Teixeira, John

I support this petition. thanks

Comments provided by :
Telepchak, Steven

I support the petition

The reason for my support is the democrats and republicans no longer represent a large portion of the general voting public currently the rule on the books is there is requirement dforcandidates to meet a certain threshold but by inhibiting them from presenting thier platform they are silenced before they have a legitimate shot to complete you are alienating a large area of the voting population

Comments provided by :

Thompson, Christopher

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Thurman, Joshua

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Trahan, Scott

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Treasure, Lori

I support this rule.

Comments provided by :
Treasure, Mia

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Comments provided by :

Trout, Matthew

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Thank you for your time,

Bill Trujillo

Comments provided by :
Trujillo, Bill

I suppose this petition. We need more choices.

Comments provided by :
Tucker, Joseph

I support the petition. Please provide for fair debates that include all voices, regardless of political affiliation.

Comments provided by :
Turpin, Kyle

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Tyson, Jonathan

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Underfinger, Edward

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Comments provided by :

Valdes, Hector

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Comments provided by :

Van de Riet, Sean

I SUPPORT the petition to amend 11 CFR 110.13

Comments provided by :
Velarde, Angelo

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
volkmer, scott

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Vought, Karen

I support the petition because in this debate "system", as it now stands, can only reasonably be described as "rigged" for the benefit of the Democrat and Republican nominees " and fatally costly to other qualified candidates, ALL qualified candidates MUST have their voices & opinions heard in our Republic. The exclusionary process as it now stands is not in keeping with the principles upon which this country was founded and is detrimental to the citizenry and voting populace as a whole!

Comments provided by :
Wacikowski, Walter

I am adamantly in favor of letting every ballot qualified candidate participate in every election debate with any color of taxpayer funding.

Utah has a veto proof supermajority, a bizarre caucus system that is in litigation, ridiculous gerrymandering, huge mis-shapen districts impossible to cover on foot by candidates closed out of the incredibly expensive media campaigns. And the legislature has amended the referendum rules to be virtually impossible to meet. The biggest voting block are the people who have given up on voting.

This campaign season, the Utah Debate Commission set a 10% threshold for participation, using a combination of past percentages of votes and an early poll they commissioned themselves. That was 1% above the prior votes of the Libertarian Attorney General candidate the election before that scandal broke beyond rumors. And 1% to 2% below the status of a couple Democrats. How lucky--it kept all third party and independents out by keeping the Democrats just barely in.

Those debates were so widely advertized and broadcast and re-broadcast that Democrats in at 11% or 12% total, finished from 30% to almost 50% for Owens while the third party candidates got about 0 media coverage and raised funds with great difficulty.

Meanwhile, Utah's biggest voting block is non voting, alienated, disillusioned people who don't think they are represented by the system.

Comments provided by :
Walker, Lee

Our country is based on many principles. One of the key principles is freedom of choice. We, as voters, should be free to choose who we believe is best qualified to represent our voice. To pretend the opinion every person in American can be distilled down to one of two options is absurd.

Presidential Debates (and any debate really) should be open to all view points. The People should have the ability to cast an educated vote for the person they believe most accurately represents their voice. How is the populous to become educated about candidates if the voices of candidates are silenced? The answer is simple - silence will not educate voters.

I fully support the ability of ALL qualified candidates to be a part of Presidential Debates. For too long debates have been tilted in favor of the two parties with the most political capital. It is time to allow all voices to be heard. It is time for fair debate!

Comments provided by :
Wallace, Greg

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Walter, Steven

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Walton, David

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Waterous, Harry

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Weaver, Benjamin

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Webb, Cindy

I support this effort!

Comments provided by :
Wells, Brett

I support this petition.

Comments provided by :
Whitehead, Daniel

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Wikstrom, Kathleen

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Wilber, Lisa

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Willems, Wayne

I support the amendment. It is long past time to break the stranglehold that the 2 party system has placed on this country.

Comments provided by :
Williams, David

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Williams, Joshua

I support the petition!

Comments provided by :
Williamson, amanda

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Wilt, Travis

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Wolstencroft, Andrew

Two party politics has divided America for long enough. The two party system has resulted in "bash campaigning" where candidates who cannot answer simple questions simply resort to bashing the other candidate. With only 2 candidates to choose from, voters are forced to vote for either a) the candidate they like or b) the candidate who is running against the candidate they don't like. We should not be forced to elect our leaders in this manner. When a voter dislikes a particular candidate, that voter should not be forced to default to the "other" candidate. He or she should have to choose the best candidate from the remaining qualified candidates who are running for office. The presidential debates are where voters learn the most about each candidate who is running for president and it's impossible for voters to make the best choice when they are only presented with 2 options. I support the petition to ban the "polling threshold" requirement and allow for all qualified candidates to participate in presidential debates.

Comments provided by :
Wood, Matthew

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Worrall, Raymond

I support the petition

Comments provided by :
Young, Jenna

I support the petition.

Comments provided by :
Yurko, Carla