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From: Justin Tomczak
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 1:25 PM
To: Brian Jackson (Buckley For Senate); 'Ellery Gould'
Subject: Debate proposal...

Brian and Ellery,

Thank you both for meeting and discussing forums and debates for the US Senate race. Each of us have different campaign scheduling constraints and demands, yet we all agree that forums/debates are important.

I have discussed the details of our meeting with Saxby and we are ready to proceed. In fact, Saxby has agreed to some debate requests already.

First, the debates need some structure. A free-for-all does not serve the purposes of a forum or debate wherein we are trying to communicate positions on important issues to voters. And while we should all have some say in the structure and format of the debates, dictating to the debate sponsors is not something Saxby is comfortable with. He also fully understands that all three candidates must be included in the invitation, but due to scheduling conflicts, all three candidates may not be able to participate in every debate.

Next week Saxby will be attending the republican convention and then Congress is back in session for the month of September. The Congressional schedule for October is still in question. Some of the forums/debates have almost become traditional and Saxby will agree to them, pending Congressional votes, including committee votes. For example, Saxby is leading the effort in the Senate to pass legislation to reinstate drilling for domestic oil and to establish a real energy policy for America and if that legislation passes both the House and Senate, there could likely be committee meetings and votes during the month of October.

With that said, the November 2nd Atlanta Press Club invitation (which may include WSB and FOX as sponsors) is one Saxby has accepted.

He has also agreed to a request from WALB in Albany for a late October date.

The ACCG has invited us all to their Fall Conference Candidate Forum and Saxby would like to make that one work too.

A middle Georgia tradition is the Georgia State Fair Debate in Perry on October 9th and Saxby also has that date on his schedule.

Months ago we were all invited to the State Farm Candidate Forum on September 29th and we also have that date reserved.

There will be other opportunities that we will also consider. These requests represent diverse audiences and allow voters from all parts of Georgia to view the debates (the televised debates are broadcast by the network stations, cable and in some instances GPB as well).

While I think you have all the invitations we have, I will still send you copies of our invitations so we can discuss the format and the details of each proposed forum/debate. We can then agree among ourselves and submit that to the sponsor for review and reaction.

I look forward to working with you on these invitations.

Sincerely,

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