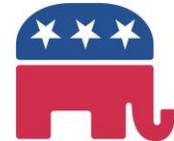




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Story County Republicans Propose Ames Debate between King and Vilsack

Call on Story County Democrats to Co-Host the Debate

(AMES) – The Story County Republicans today have proposed a debate between 4th Congressional District candidates Congressman Steve King and Christie Vilsack.

The proposal comes days after the *Ames Tribune*, the Ames Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters of Ames and of Iowa, and the Iowa State University Committee on Lectures canceled their proposed debate scheduled for September 22, 2012.

“The Story County Republicans are pleased to step forward to offer the voters of Story County and the Ames community the opportunity to hear where the candidates stand not in 60-second packaged remarks, but in an open dialogue,” said Story County Republican Chairman Cory Adams. “Both King and Vilsack campaigns have indicated a willingness to discuss the issue without moderators, just as Iowans do everyday at coffee shops and cafes. To ensure the debate is nonpartisan, we are inviting the Story County Democrats to co-host the debate. We look forward to an honest, open discussion on the issues.”

The debate proposed would take place on Saturday, September 22, 2012 in Ames at a location agreeable to both parties. Since both campaigns have indicated willingness to an open dialogue debate, or Lincoln-Douglas, and since no other debate is scheduled to be a Lincoln-Douglas style debate, the Story County Republicans believe an open discussion between the candidates presents an excellent opportunity for the candidates and voters.

Other proposed debate terms are as follows:

- 90 minute time limit for the debate.
- Credentialed media would be allowed in the debate.
- The debate would be open to the public with some tickets given to each campaign prior to the debate.
- A chair, blank notepad, writing utensil and water will be provided to each candidate.
- A coin flip will determine which candidate will begin the open discussion.
- Terms surrounding the open discussion are negotiable.

The Story County Republicans have sent a letter to both Republican Steve King and Democrat Christie Vilsack inviting them to the proposed debate. Candidates were asked to respond to the proposal by Thursday, August 30, 2012.

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