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**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE DONNA GALLUP PROPOSES FOUR DEBATES
WITH HOUSE INCUMBENT**

Awaits response from Representative Randy Fischer

Fort Collins – Today, Colorado Republican House candidate Donna Gallup proposed a series of four debates with her opponent, Representative Randy Fischer (D-Fort Collins, HD53), that would be held between Flag Day and Labor Day this summer.

Gallup sent Mr. Fischer the proposal in a letter today and awaits his response.

“As a constituent of District 53, I have concerns regarding what Mr. Fischer was or was not willing to address during his term in the State House these past two years. I have points I would like to make about a few of the House Bills he authored/cosponsored and there are questions, to which I, and other constituents, want honest, straight forward answers.

In summary, I believe it is imperative that we give the voters of District 53 a chance to hear directly from us on the issues that are important to them and a series of debates would effectively accomplish that goal.”

Four debates have been proposed, one per month, and would last approximately two hours each. Dates/times/locations have not yet been determined, but Gallup requires that each be held in prominent locations with easy access so as many constituents can attend as possible.

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Dear Ms. Gallup,

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to participate in a series of debates of statewide issues.

I am pleased by your interest, and I am looking forward to the numerous opportunities we will have throughout the campaign to publicly debate the issues of concern to folks in House District 53. Based on experience from 2006, there will be many public forums organized by a variety of civic organizations in diverse venues during the campaign season. I anticipate we will begin receiving invitations to participate in candidate forums for the 2008 election cycle beginning soon and continuing into October. Please be assured that these organized candidate forums will provide ample opportunities for debate and for citizens to draw distinctions between us.

Thank you again for your suggestion that we engage in public discussions of the issues. I share your enthusiasm for delving into the issues and providing citizens with solid grounds on which to base their voting decisions.

Most sincerely,

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I appreciate Mr. Fischer's response and anticipate our discussions during these forums, should they come to fruition, but I am disappointed that he will not commit to meeting with me to discuss issues with and about District 53. We have yet to see if any of these proposed forums will actually be scheduled, and if so, how many candidates will be invited to attend and what topics will be discussed. I am also concerned about the monitoring of answers. Are the forums a 'free for all' or is a candidate given the floor to answer without interruption? I don't believe much is accomplished through yelling matches and I wouldn't insult the intelligence of the citizens of Fort Collins by participating in such a venue. And do the forum's get down to the nitty gritty of the issues or are they just a way for the candidates to make an appearance? Again, I wouldn't presume that the citizens of our fair city would be much interested in these meetings if the latter is the case. I guess we'll see what these forums entail as the campaign trail unfolds.