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Science Debate Invites All 2018 House, Senate and Gubernatorial Candidates to Address Science and Technology on the Campaign Trail

NEW YORK—Science Debate today called for all House, Senate and Gubernatorial candidates running for office in all parties to respond to 10 questions related to the greatest science policy challenges facing America. Topics cover a wide range of issues from scientific integrity in policymaking to cyber security to health, medicine, and the environment.

“Unless we insist that candidates address science and technology policy when campaigning, we cannot expect them to do so once they’re in office,” said Matthew Chapman, president of Science Debate. “Since January, this administration has repeatedly ignored scientific consensus on a wide range of topics.”

Since Science Debate was founded in 2008, every major presidential candidate has answered a series of questions on science policy, including President Donald Trump prior to the 2016 election.

“My administration will ensure that there will be total transparency and accountability [regarding science] without political bias,” Trump responded to a question on scientific integrity. “The American people deserve this and I will make sure this is the culture of my administration.”

This marks the first time that Science Debate is inviting all Senate, House, and Gubernatorial candidates to participate.

“Science is inherently related to every significant challenge of the 21st century and vital in policy making,” said Sheril Kirshenbaum, executive director of Science Debate. “We are opening questions to more candidates across levels of government because every incoming politician should be prepared to address issues crucial to voters, our children and the future of our planet.”

Visit www.sciencedebate.org to read the 10 questions and get involved.

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