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PORTER REPEATS WILLINGNESS TO DEBATE

“In the last few days,” said Dr. Steven Porter, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 3rd district of Pennsylvania, “I have been asked if I intend to debate my conservative, Republican opponent, incumbent Phil English. Since I have already answered in the affirmative in my response to the Meadville Tribune some time ago, perhaps it is worth repeating that willingness.

“I am willing to debate as often and in as many locations as can be reasonably arranged. And it would be nice if the debates were covered by both the broadcast and print media—which was not always the case in the 2004 race.

“There are surely plenty of important issues to discuss. The following is just a partial list: our economy, job outsourcing, trade agreements, trade deficits, the budget deficit, renewing our manufacturing base, national security, Iraq, our borders, immigration, our international relations, health care, social security, pensions, the energy crisis, global warming, our environment, the atmosphere of governmental corruption, to name just some.

“There are many colleges, civic groups, and media outlets which are capable of arranging debates, and I hope they will. Debates which are widely covered and widely disseminated to the electorate are fundamental to our democracy.”

Dr. Porter’s positions on the key issues of this campaign are attached to this press release so that they can be disseminated to the public by the media.