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One Month and Counting *Questions for Debate Dodger Kurt Schrader*

(Salem, OR) – Today, Steve Marks, Democratic candidate for Oregon’s 5th Congressional District, issued seven questions to his opponent, Kurt Schrader, exactly 30 days after he first challenged him to a series of debates. Schrader continues to deny voters in the 5th Congressional District the opportunity to hear the candidates debate their records and their visions for America.

“It has been over a month, and my opponent still refuses to debate me. I respect Senator Schrader, and I just wish he had the same respect for the voters of the 5th Congressional District to stand up and debate his record,” said Marks.

“I am issuing six simple questions to my opponent,” continued Marks. “The voters deserve to know where their Democratic candidates truly stand.”

1. If elected to Congress, will you continue to oppose attempts to pay people a living wage?
2. Why did you urge Congress to pass the Bush tax cuts in 2001?
3. Why have you systematically voted to deny workers the right to organize?
4. Why did you attempt to cut \$41 million from Oregon’s higher education budget in 2007, and why did you believe it was necessary to make these cuts in the first place?
5. In 2007, you led the charge to eliminate the Governor’s proposed rural economic development programs. Why did you believe this low-cost program was unworthy of support, even when our rural communities are hurting from the loss of timber payments?
6. Why do you refuse to release your financial disclosure and tax records?

“We are asking voters for the privilege of representing them in Washington for two years. The least we can do for them is give a few hours of our time,” concluded Marks.

Attachment:

- (1) Letter to Kurt Schrader