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An open letter to _____

At this point in the 2008 election cycle, the Democrats had already had nine debates. So far in the 2016 election cycle, there have been zero.

In the 2008 primaries, there were 26 debates overall. In this cycle, there are only six official debates and if you want to participate in an official debate, you have to agree not to attend any outside debates.

The extent to which our democratic institutions work for the people depends on the extent to which we can know the positions of our candidates--both what they agree on and what separates them. By limiting the number of debates so drastically, the DNC is actively limiting the number of people who will be exposed to information about the candidates in the primaries. This is an undemocratic shift and I am calling on you to take an active and public role in pushing for at least 15 primary debates, with at least 5 of them before Iowa and New Hampshire have to make their decisions.