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### Is Aaron Schock chicken?

Colleen Callahan, Democratic candidate for the 18th Congressional seat, today challenges Republican opponent Aaron Schock to debates in the county seats of all twenty counties in the district.

"I believe the best forum for voters to see the candidates in their work clothes is in a debate," Callahan said. "The debate format presents the opportunity for the candidates to not only respond but to react as well."

Schock has withdrawn from several previously scheduled debates, often giving no reason for his withdrawal. As of today, the Schock Campaign has officially committed to exactly zero debates.

Barbecue chicken will be served at all twenty debates in honor of Schock and his reluctance to step up and debate Callahan on the issues.

"We think it's a fitting tribute," said Terry Towery, Callahan's campaign manager. "We're barbecuing chicken because we are running against someone who is chicken to debate us."

Towery said he hopes Schock recommits to the debates. "It's not that our opponent is young, but you would think someone running for Congress would have enough respect for the voters of the district to stand on stage with their opponent and debate the issues facing our country. To do any less is disrespectful and cowardly at best."

Callahan said she is willing and able to debate Schock "anytime, anyplace" and that if television debates are too scary for Schock she would be happy to debate him in the twenty county seats without the lights and cameras but with plenty of media coverage.

"There is absolutely no reason the people of this district should not see their candidates for Congress debate the issues facing our country in open debates," Callahan said.

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