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Dear Senator Delcollo:

On Saturday, July 11, I received via FedEx your July 10 letter suggesting a series of debates, and saw your subsequent press release on the matter. Let me start by saying plainly that I agree debates are an important part of the process and I look forward to the opportunity to debate you in the coming months.

Let me also state plainly that you can save the political theater for others. I don't share your obsession for that part of public service; I'm running because I want to do right by my neighbors and help my community. Demanding I respond to a letter within five days and then putting me on blast for not responding three days into that period is the epitome of a campaign stunt, and it does nothing to enhance the lives of the people of the 7th District.

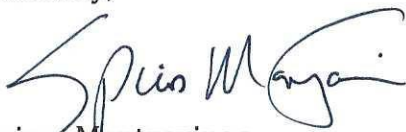
Perhaps the special interest money is rolling in for you, or perhaps you're not bothering with voter contact, but I'm spending my time talking to voters about the issues that matter to them, not trying to trick people into believing I'm something that I'm not.

Someone who truly believes in transparency would admit to voters that in 2016, you didn't bother to debate your Democratic opponent a single time. Someone who truly believes in transparency wouldn't hide his Republican political affiliation in a working class district. Someone who truly believes in transparency wouldn't pull political stunts that seek to distract from one of the most extreme voting records in the Delaware State Senate, where you've been wrong on gun safety, wrong on a woman's right to choose, wrong on raising the minimum wage and protecting working families, and wrong in your advocacy for Trump Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Yes, we'll talk about all this and more when it is time to debate – and that's when a reputable, fair-minded, and neutral news organization or advocacy group approaches both campaigns with a proposal.

I look forward to that opportunity and wish you well in this campaign.

Sincerely,



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