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The Honorable Barack Obama  
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Dear Senator Obama,

As you may be aware, throughout this week, supporters of former Congressman Bob Barr, the Libertarian nominee for president, have contacted your campaign to respectfully request that you open the upcoming presidential debates to more competition and allow Bob Barr into the debates.

For the past several presidential elections, the Commission on Presidential Debates has been used as a false buffer to protect the two candidates for the major parties from outside competition.

As Senator McCain proved today with his postponement of the first presidential debate, the Commission on Presidential Debates **has no authority**.

You have the ability to decide the depth of competition as Ronald Reagan did during his 1980 campaign when he chose to debate Independent John Anderson.

More recently, George H.W. Bush, in a spirit of inclusion and equal rights, demanded the participation of H. Ross Perot in all three debates during the 1992 election.

At the time, businessman Ross Perot was polling at 7 percent nationally. Bob Barr is polling at 6 percent nationally and over 10 percent in many state polls.

Today, more than 55 percent of Americans support the inclusion of Bob Barr in the presidential debates.

Senator Obama, you have the ability to demand fair and equitable treatment for a competitive, minority party candidate.

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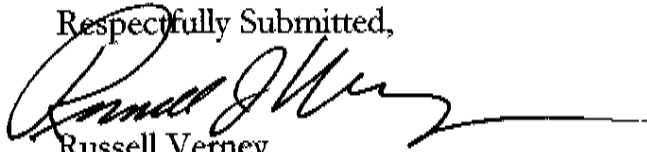
On June 19, 2007, when asked if a third party candidate should be included in the debates, you stated that you were "sympathetic" to the issue.

Today, you have a chance to allow more voices and more competition into the upcoming debates.

I ask that you demand that Bob Barr be included in all three presidential debates.

In the event that Senator McCain refuses to debate former Congressman Barr, I ask that you show exceptional leadership and debate the minority candidate alone, just as Ronald Reagan did during his first presidential contest.

Respectfully Submitted,



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