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**Indiana Debate Commission Invites Democratic Presidential Hopefuls to Debate  
Media Partners for National and Statewide Broadcast Would Include CNN and PBS**

**INDIANAPOLIS**—The Indiana Debate Commission extended invitations today to the campaigns of Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Barack Obama for a presidential primary debate in Indiana. The debate would take place after the Pennsylvania Primary and before the May 6 Indiana Primary.

Details regarding the exact date, time and location are still to be determined. The debate would be carried nationally by PBS and CNN and would be available to any broadcast station in Indiana, through the Indiana Debate Commission.

“It is precisely for opportunities such as this that the Indiana Debate Commission was formed. We want to give Hoosiers the opportunity to hear directly from the candidates in an open debate before the historic May 6<sup>th</sup> Primary,” said Kevin Finch, president of the Indiana Debate Commission and news director of CBS affiliate WISH-TV in Indianapolis.

The Commission has yet to hear from either campaign but the official invitations were set to arrive at their offices just this afternoon.

Indiana Debate Commission affiliates include:

- Indiana Coalition for Open Government
- Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors
- Indianapolis Association of Black Journalists
- Indiana Associated Press Broadcasters Association
- Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations
- The Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations
- The Indiana Broadcasters Foundation
- Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists
- League of Women Voters of Indiana
- The Radio-Television News Directors Association
- Hoosier State Press Association
- Indiana State Bar Association

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**About the Indiana Debate Commission**

The Indiana Debate Commission is a non-partisan, statewide group of affiliate organizations dedicated to promoting debates at the state level. Incorporated in the fall of 2007, the IDC will work with candidates, sponsors, venues and citizen groups to promote open, unbiased and transparent debates for Hoosier voters. For more information:

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