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Dear NBC Executives,

My name is Gregory Chase, I live in New Hampshire, and I run a hedge fund that trades currencies. On a personal basis, separate from Senator Mike Gravel's campaign, I am making an independent expenditure of a greater magnitude than what some other candidates' campaigns will spend in the state through the primary. I am sending statewide direct mail, installing lawn signs, and running ads supporting Senator Gravel every day between now and the New Hampshire primary in the state's three largest newspapers: *The Concord Monitor*, *The Union Leader* and *The Nashua Telegraph*.

It was with great disappointment that I learned that NBC made a surprise announcement on October 19th 2007 to exclude Senator Gravel, and only Senator Gravel, from the field of Democratic candidates for their October 30th 2007 debate at Drexel University in Philadelphia. I learned about Senator Gravel by watching televised debates earlier this year. In my opinion his ideas regarding foreign policy, military spending, and energy independence are advanced relative to the other candidates. I would like Senator Gravel's ideas to be heard.

NBC cited fund raising as a criteria for inclusion in this debate, stating that a candidate must have raised \$1 million to participate. Most current and aspiring politicians, along with the general public, believe money and special interests play too large a part in elections. I don't understand why a certain level of fund raising is a requirement to participate in a presidential debate. Senator Gravel is proud of the fact that his candidacy is built on ideas, not cash.

As you know, polls taken at this point in the primary measure name recognition more than where votes will actually be cast. The public is just starting to focus on the upcoming primary. Once New Hampshire voters learn about Senator Gravel, and they will, I believe that a substantial number of them will decide that their ideas are more in line with Senator Gravel's than with any other candidate's. NBC is doing New Hampshire and the nation a disservice by excluding Senator Gravel. Your company is censoring a multi-term United States senator, a veteran, and a patriot.

If it would help get Senator Gravel back into the debate, I offer to purchase \$1 million of advertising from NBC, or simply pay NBC \$1 million in exchange for the service of allowing Senator Gravel to participate in your debate. If you do not permit Senator Gravel into your debate, he will be speaking down the street at World Cafe, 3025 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA.

Best regards,
Gregory V. Chase

[Delivered by email, express post, and advertisement in The Concord Monitor, The Union Leader, The Nashua Telegraph, Drexel University's Triangle, The Daily Pennsylvanian, USA Today, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Philadelphia Inquirer]

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