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Senator Lynn Woodridge, JP Chairman One Bermuda Alliance P.O. Box HM 1940 Hamilton HM HX

Dear Senator Wooldridge,

Re: Request for Debate

Thank you for your letter dated Monday, June 26th, 2017 inviting the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. E. David Burt, JP, MP to debate the Premier, the Hon. Michael Dunkley, JP, MP.

As I am sure you are aware, we have been attempting to facilitate a productive and informative debate between the Leaders for some time and we are happy that the One Bermuda Alliance has finally agreed to answer questions about their government in an open forum.

Additionally, we must all agree that constructive debate is a hallmark of good government and the citizens of this country deserve to know where their leaders stand on the key issues that daily impact their lives. With this in mind, we caution that we will not be a part of an attempt at political theater that does not serve to educate the electorate or advance the best interests of the voting public.

Therefore, the Opposition Leader has asked me to inform you that he is willing to debate Premier Michael Dunkley and recommends that the debate be held on Monday, July 10th, 2017 at 7pm at a venue to be determined. This proposed date allows the voters who have taken advantage of the early poll the next day, an opportunity to hear from the Leader of each Party before they cast their vote.

I look forward to your reply and recommend that we meet at the very earliest to discuss the details needed to facilitate such an important and historic event.

Best regards,

Scott A. Simmons, JP

Chairman

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