



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Student Government Association



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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER..
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Dear Senator Cruz,

On behalf of the Student Government Associations of Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, we would like to ask that Texas Tech University be considered as the host location for the October 12, 2018 debate between yourself and Congressman O'Rourke on healthcare and the Affordable Care Act. It is our belief that Texas Tech would provide the ideal location, with exposure to voters not only from Lubbock, but from across the state of Texas.

Texas Tech University is home to over 37,000 students and is an integral part of the Lubbock community. The only campus in Texas with an undergraduate university, a law school, and a medical school, Texas Tech is a place of cultural and intellectual diversity. Texas Tech is also proudly designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Our university is dedicated to giving students opportunity to participate in both graduate and undergraduate research and has achieved a Carnegie Tier One status as one of 115 research schools in the nation with "high activity," and one of the 12 that are also designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Texas Tech's commitment to student success has allowed it to attain the highest first-year retention rate in the university's history, and its ninth consecutive year of record enrollment.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) consists of over 4,000 students and makes our campus a particularly ideal host, as it is a crucial resource for the citizens of West Texas. Serving more than 2.75 million people across a 108-county area in West Texas, the TTUHSC fosters an innovative and forward-thinking research environment and offers its students 71 different certificate and degree programs in order to meet the vast and changing needs of the healthcare system. Additionally, Lubbock will soon be home to a new VA super clinic, which will provide care to the 30,000 veterans living in Lubbock and surrounding counties. This facility will partner with the TTUHSC to provide an even greater range of services.

We truly appreciate your consideration. Should you accept, we will do everything possible to work with any requests you might have to welcome you to our campus and our community.

Most Sincerely,

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