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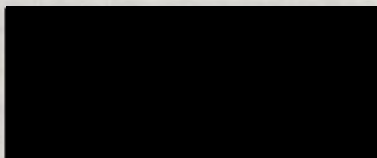
To Whom It May Concern:

Since his announcement, on August 22, to seek the Democratic Presidential Nomination, Larry Agran has been consistently ignored by the major media. Even though he has been featured on the CBS Evening News, and in print in the LA Times and the Christian Science Monitor, his name is regularly omitted, I have noticed, from lists of Democratic presidential contenders. In addition, he was not included in the debate of December 15 on NBC.

I fear that it is exactly this kind of repeated inattention that causes people to conclude that yes, in fact, the media truly is run by business, and does not serve the public interest. And it is this kind of inattention which makes me question whether we can hold ourselves out as a model of democracy to the Confederate of Independent States or Eastern Europe, if only big names and big money gets covered in our media.

You would do the country and your consumers a service if you would strive harder to tell the whole story of who is running for the Presidency. If this country is to be the land of opportunity, it should not matter what the candidate's background, financial status, or "recognizability" is. Please consider my concerns, as a relatively informed citizen. Much of the public is relatively ignorant of the issues and the candidates...and part of your responsibility is to educate them.

Sincerely,



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