



August 18, 2026

Dear Mr. Mears:

As candidates for Marion County Prosecutor, we share a responsibility to give voters a clear, direct discussion of public safety, prosecution policy, and the future of our justice system, immediately and as thoroughly as possible.

Please join me in a series of debates starting as soon as they can be scheduled through the end of October. I will be reaching out to the four local television stations — WRTV, WTHR, WISH-TV and Fox59/CBS4 — as well as print media. I also propose we add at least two local radio stations for debates during the morning and afternoon drive times. My team will also reach out to any civic organizations that may be interested in partnering with the media to host a debate. I welcome any suggestions from your campaign.

As time is of the essence, I am happy to begin the outreach. I am sure you are just as eager to share your views with voters. So feel free to respond with any additional suggestions that you may have, and we can put together a complete list of debates. We have both been invited to the Great News Interface candidate forum scheduled for mid-October, and I suggest we include this event in the debate schedule.

Please respond by Tuesday, August 25, to let us know if you agree to debate and with any suggestions that you may have to give Marion County voters the most complete information about us and the best opportunity to make as informed a decision as is possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Philip M. Foust', written in a cursive style.

Philip Foust
Republican Nominee for Marion County Prosecutor