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Mauro challenges new opponent to debates

(Des Moines, IA) - Michael Mauro, the Iowa Democratic nominee for Secretary of State, today welcomed his new Republican candidate to the race and subsequently challenged his third announced candidate for Secretary of State to a series of debates.

"I would like to give Iowans the opportunity to hear both me and my opponents' experience in small business and election administration and our goals as Secretary of State in a series of debates." Mauro stated earlier today.

Mauro stated that he is open on the number of debates, the dates and locations. He said that his campaign would work with his opponent's campaign to set up a series of debates throughout Iowa.

As Commissioner of Elections, Mauro has worked to make the voting process easier for eligible voters and less costly for taxpayers by securing state of the art voting machines. Continuing his commitments to voter participation and technology, Mauro was one of the first election officers in the nation to use the Internet to promote voter registration and absentee ballot requests.

In 2003, Mauro was designated from a field of more than 21,000 election officials to receive the distinguished Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) title.

In addition to his experience as Auditor, Mauro has been a small business owner. "I have a firsthand understanding of the difficulties small businesses face," said Mauro. "Too often, bureaucratic red tape gets in the way of commonsense. As Secretary of State, I will work to cut through the red tape."

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