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# John Tierney Won't Debate His Opponents

## Ignores Invitation to Debate Opponents on WBZ Tuesday

MIDDLETON -- Marisa DeFranco will debate her opponents anytime, anywhere, and especially on the 50,000-watt WBZ 1030 AM radio station, where host Dan Rea will moderate a 6th Congressional District debate on Tuesday. As of Friday, Tierney failed to respond to the invite.

Tierney has skipped several debates and forums and has not exactly been punctual to the rest. He skipped a Town Hall forum in Saugus and showed up 40 minutes late to a candidates' forum at Brooksby Village in Peabody last week.

"What is Mr. Tierney afraid of? He's been in office for 17 years. Surely he would want to jump at the chance to be heard by the wide audience of WBZ radio?" Marisa said.

Marisa DeFranco has made herself available for debates, forums, and town halls. She doesn't pick and choose which events and communities are more important than others. She also answers all questions asked, honestly and without fear.

Dan Rea is well-known for hosting and moderating debates and forums for races across the state, including gubernatorial, Senate and Congressional seats. Both Democrats and Republicans alike have participated in his debates. Why won't John Tierney join his competitors and speak directly to the voters?

***Are you prepared to send a strong, confident voice to Washington who will speak up for the 6<sup>th</sup> District? Vote for Marisa DeFranco on September 9<sup>th</sup>.***

**About Marisa DeFranco:**

An immigration attorney for the past 17 years, Marisa DeFranco was named Top Woman of Law by the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and received national recognition by being awarded the National Legal Aid and Defender Association's Beacon of Justice Award for her pro bono service. She has been a leader in the National Organization for Women, serving as the Vice President of Legislative Policy for Massachusetts NOW. She also served on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Marisa has shown time and time again that she is a strong spokesperson and advocate for equal pay for women, for ending violence against women, for civil rights and disability rights.

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