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The People’s Debate
State-wide Broadcast on October 13

RICHMOND, VA 9/30/14 - The Community Idea Stations, the League of Women Voters of Virginia and AARP Virginia are pleased to announce that Senator Mark Warner will debate challenger Ed Gillespie during a state-wide television broadcast at 7 p.m. on October 13. WCVE PBS and WTVR CBS 6 are media partners for the debate, which will be held at the WCVE PBS TV studios in Richmond.

This unique debate, organized by The League of Women Voters of Virginia and AARP Virginia, will ask the candidates to go on record about issues important to all Virginians.

"We are excited to offer this forum to the voters of Virginia," said Anne Sterling, president of the League of Women Voters. "The League is pleased to work with AARP, PBS and CBS on this event. Citizens have a right to learn where both U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues and we thank each for accepting our invitation to debate live on television, in October."

The moderator will be Mr. Bill Fitzgerald, WTVR CBS-6 News Anchor. The four panelists are Ms. Cheryl Miller, WTVR CBS-6 News Anchor; Mr. Craig Carper, 88.9 WCVE Richmond Public Radio; Ms. Kristin Goss, President, League of Women Voters of Virginia; and Mr. Bob Blancato, AARP Virginia State President.

“Non-partisan voter engagement and education has been part of AARP’s mission to help Americans live their best lives for nearly 30 years,” AARP State Director Bill Kallio said. “We are proud to sponsor the People’s Debate because AARP informs voters about the candidates’ positions, giving them the ability to make an informed choice on Election Day."

WCVE PBS and WTVR CBS 6 are co-producing and distributing the debate to broadcasters statewide in order to make the forum available to voters across Virginia. Follow news about the debate on Twitter with the hashtag #PeoplesDebate.

ABOUT WCVE PBS
WCVE PBS is part of the Community Idea Stations, the largest locally owned and operated media company in the region, each week reaching more than 300,000 people throughout central Virginia of every age, demographic and economic circumstance. By providing the best of PBS and NPR programming and coupling that with a strong set of local, community-based programs and services, the Community Idea Stations makes an important impact in the areas of arts, news, history, science and education.

About LWV
The League of Women Voters of Virginia, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

About AARP
AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole.

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