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**WFSB CH. 3 JOINS CCIC, CONNECTICUT PUBLIC RADIO AND THE CT MIRROR TO HOST
FIRST GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE OF THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

*Debate to be held **7:00 to 8:00 PM** on Wednesday September 5th at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, and moderated by John Dankosky of the New England News Collaborative with Mark Pazniokas from the CT Mirror and Dennis House of WFSB to serve as panelists.*

HARTFORD, Conn. (August 29, 2018) -- The [Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges](#) (CCIC) today announced that it will move forward in hosting the first gubernatorial debate of the Connecticut general election on September 5, 2018. WFSB has signed on as a media partner and the event will now be held at 7:00 PM, rather than at 6:00 PM. The debate will be held at the University of Saint Joseph's Hoffman Auditorium at the Bruyette Athenaeum, 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford CT.

WNPR and CT Public Radio will broadcast the event live on air at 7:00 PM. WFSB will stream the event live on Facebook and its website.

Democrat Ned Lamont, Republican Bob Stefanowski, and independent candidate Oz Griebel have been invited to attend. Mr. Lamont and Mr. Griebel have confirmed that they will participate, while Mr. Stefanowski has declined the invitation.

"CCIC is disappointed that Bob Stefanowski is not able to participate in our general election debate on September 5th," said CCIC President Jennifer Widness. "However, we are moving forward with the event and look forward to a lively debate on the future of the Connecticut's economy, including the critical role that higher education will play in ensuring we have the talent pipeline needed for businesses here to thrive and grow."

A limited number of tickets to the general public will be available at the USJ box office beginning 9 AM Friday. Details to be shared later this week.

About CCIC: Founded in 1932, the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC) is an association that represents 15 accredited nonprofit independent colleges and universities in Connecticut. CCIC provides public policy leadership and support of higher education, fosters

cooperative efforts among colleges and universities and serves as a liaison between the state and the independent institutions. Visit CCIC at www.theccic.org.

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