

From: **Julian Morelli** <julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>
Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2015 at 9:08 PM
Subject: Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate
To: "Walmsley, David" <DWalmsley@globeandmail.com>

Hi David -

I appreciate your response and respect that you revisited your position with your team. Obviously, I disagree with your decision and would like to recommend that I meet with you and your team in the next week or two.

As mentioned from the beginning, meeting in person on a subject of national importance is the best way to come to a better understanding of our respective positions.

I still believe there is an opportunity and a benefit to everyone to have you look at this again as you consider the following.

On August 6th, Elizabeth May will participate in the Maclean's debate with the other three major federal party leaders. I am certain that following her participation, Canadians will question why she has not been invited to your debate.

I would also reiterate that this upcoming election will be the most unpredictable in history and one that will have a lasting impact on the character and makeup of Canada. At this time, public opinion suggests a minority government is probable, which provides further rationale for the inclusion of the Green Party as another voice in the development and implementation of good public policy.

As you know, Elizabeth May has led or been a significant voice in the national conversation on a wide range of important issues including C51, FIPA, democracy, proportional representation, accountability and transparency, parliamentary reform, climate change, to list a few. This is in addition to the fact that she was also recognized this year as "Best Orator" and in the two previous years as "Hardest Working MP" as well as "Parliamentarian of the Year".

We previously discussed that the Prime Minister had established criteria for inclusion in the debates (one seat under a Party Banner). It is sufficient to say that his own baseline should have a bearing on your decision as to criteria. I cannot speak for Mr. Mulcair as we await his position on this. Mr. Trudeau, to his credit, recently stated publicly that he believes Elizabeth May should be in [all debates](#), as do 81% of Canadians in a [recent poll by EKOS](#).

With respect to the importance of precedence, in the 1993 election, Preston Manning was invited to debate when the Reform party had one seat. He was invited without holding a seat, as Deborah Grey was the elected MP under the Reform Banner. If Preston Manning had NOT been in the 1993 debates, it is clear to many political analysts and historians that the Reform would not have elected an additional 52 MPs.

Add to this, the Progressive Conservatives, under Jean Charest, who held 2 seats going in the 1997 election were also allowed into the debate, as was NDP Leader, Alexa McDonough, who held nine seats. Both Parties were under the threshold you have established for the Globe debate.

I wonder what Canada and our parliament would look like today, had neither of these parties been invited to the debates. Would the Conservative Party and NDP exist or would there only be two parties (the Liberals and....)? These debates proved to set the course for our present day political reality – good or bad. It's clear that precedence and the spirit of fairness are important factors in any decision. Our courts rely on precedence as a critical threshold. Should the Globe not do so as well?

It is also clear the effects of Climate Change and how Canada and the rest of the world responds will also set the course for generations to come. The environmental debate in Canada, and how we deal with it rationally, from a social, economic, and environmental perspective, will be seen by our own children and grandchildren, as a defining moment that established their quality of life.

There is no doubt that Elizabeth May is at the forefront on this critical issue. Not only has she led this debate, she has managed to have it become a national conversation among Canadians, notwithstanding their political stripes.

I ask that we meet in person and following that, make your final determination.

As time is a principal factor, I would appreciate an answer to meet in person by Friday, July 3rd.

I am still hopeful that we can work this out over the next while.

Please feel free to call me anytime. [613-614-xxxx](tel:613-614-xxxx)

With respect,

Julian

From: "Walmsley, David" <DWalmsley@globeandmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2015 at 1:12 PM

Subject: Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate

To: **Julian Morelli** <julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>

Hi Julian

Sorry for the delay

I wanted to speak to the various editors here about your comments and proposals. We reviewed the initial decision and decided to stay with it. I know this will disappoint you but we have decided not to widen the invitation list.

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From: Julian Morelli [<mailto:julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>]

Sent: June-26-15 1:12 PM

To: Walmsley, David; Morrison, Lynn; J Mor

Subject: Re: Resend - Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate

Hi David, Just left you a message on your phone - If you get a chance today, could you call me on my cell. [613-614-4916](tel:613-614-4916)

Thanks and take care, Julian

From: Julian Morelli [<mailto:julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>]

Sent: June-26-15 1:12 PM

To: Walmsley, David; Morrison, Lynn; J Mor

Subject: Re: Resend - Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate

Good Evening David,

Like to arrange a time to have a discussion this week if you can. Not sure what your schedule is. Let's talk soon - Thanks, Julian [613-614-xxxx](tel:613-614-xxxx)

From: **Julian Morelli** <julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>
Date: Mon, Jun 15, 2015 at 5:23 PM
Subject: Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate
To: "Walmsley, David" <DWalmsley@globeandmail.com>

Good morning David,

I appreciate the discussion we had last week and that you would go back to your team to further discuss and reconsider our inclusion in your debate proposal.

As mentioned in my previous email to you, I fundamentally believe that Elizabeth May will bring credibility to the debate selection process, as well as to the debate. She has led the conversation on a number of national issues of importance to Canadians that extend well beyond the environment.

Today, we heard the announcement from Maclean's that Elizabeth will participate in a national debate with all major party leaders. I was especially interested that they have acknowledged Elizabeth as a national leader of a major federal party. It seems highly inconsistent that the Globe and Mail, another major national news organization would take a contradictory position. <http://www.broadcastermagazine.com/press-releases/story.aspx?id=1003675567>

Both personally and professionally, I believe that this election will be viewed as the most fundamentally important election in Canada's modern history, as it will set the direction, not only for the next parliament, but well beyond.

As mentioned during our previous conversation, I would prefer to keep our communications in confidence at this point and would like to arrange a meeting this week with you.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With respect, Julian

From: "Walmsley, David" <DWalmsley@globeandmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 26, 2015 at 1:12 PM
Subject: Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate
To: **Julian Morelli** <julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>

Hi Julian
Thanks for writing
I will ask Lynn to find a mutually convenient time to talk
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From: **Julian Morelli** <julian.morelli@greenparty.ca>
Date: Wed, May 27, 2015 at 6:14 PM
Subject: Meeting request: Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming Globe and Mail debate
To: "Walmsley, David" <DWalmsley@globeandmail.com>

Good evening David,

I am following up on voice messages I left with your office as well as emails and phone messages with Ryan Macdonald and conversations with Steve Chase.

I'd like to set up a time to discuss Elizabeth May's inclusion in your upcoming debate.

To this end, I believe the best way to discuss this would be to meet in person.

It is likely that the 2015 election will be one of the most unpredictable on record, and that the decision to exclude Elizabeth May, given her record, expertise, and knowledge, must be revisited.

Fundamentally, I also believe it will add credibility to your organization, the process and the debate. There is no doubt that it will benefit all Canadians, no matter their political leanings.

Please feel free to contact me either by email or by phone. I would be free to meet with you as early as this Friday, or early next week.

I ask if you could provide me with a prompt response in order to arrange a time and can be reached directly at [1-613-614-xxxx](tel:1-613-614-xxxx).

Thank you,

Julian