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**STATEMENT BY INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF NEVADA
("IVON") FOUNDER CATANA BARNES ON DEMOCRATIC
PARTY PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE IN LAS VEGAS**

“There was a disconnect in last night's debate that independents couldn't help be stung by. The debate took place in Nevada, a state that holds presidential caucuses that are closed to independent voters, even though we are 27% of the electorate here. Bernie Sanders says millions have to rise up, but he won't call for our inclusion. Hillary Clinton says she is a progressive who gets things done, but the partisan structure of elections and Congress make it impossible. What's her plan for reform?”

“Next debate? Let's find a moderator who is at least willing to observe that 2 of the 5 candidates on the stage are or were independents. And let's make sure the candidates have to share their view on why so many in our country – 45% – don't align with any political party and what they plan to do to fix the system in order to include us.”

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