

Ayyadurai files suit against UMass

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CAMBRIDGE -- Independent U.S. Senate Candidate Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai filed a federal lawsuit against the University of Massachusetts for what his campaign called attempting to rig the debates for the Senate election by keeping him off the debate stage, according a press release from his campaign Wednesday night.

The complaint alleges violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and Article 16 of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights and seeks an order asking that Ayyadurai be included in the debates, the press release states.

Before filing the suit, Ayyadurai's campaign repeatedly tried to contact various media outlets seeking information about the debates but was informed that the plans would be made available only after the primaries, the release states. But various news outlets reported within hours of the primary results that Elizabeth Warren had agreed to debate the Republican candidate in three separate debates indicating that the Democratic Party and the Republican Party had advance information on the debates, the campaign alleges.

Ayyadurai was the first candidate to get on the ballot.

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