

# Van Orden campaign: U.S. Rep. Kind refuses to share stage with Van Orden at Chamber of Commerce forum

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HAGER CITY, WI – Today, Derrick Van Orden will be taking part in a virtual candidate forum with the La Crosse Chamber of Commerce. The event was originally planned to feature both candidates in the 3rd District race, but Ron Kind refused to take part with Derrick.

Despite Derrick's multiple offers to change the date to one that would work for Kind, the incumbent insisted on individual forums.

Derrick released the following statement in response:

*"Ron Kind is hiding because he knows I will expose the lies he continues to tell the people of the 3rd District. While thousands of businesses have shuttered during the shutdown, he has collected over \$100,000 in taxpayers money while he has done nothing.*

*Ron Kind is bad for business, he has never run a business and does not know how difficult it is like Sara and I have. I was on the board of the Chamber of Commerce, and know the value of our Chambers.*

*In 2001, we had almost 25,000 dairy farms in Wisconsin, we now have 7000. That is a 72% decrease on his watch. He and Nancy Pelosi held up the USMCA for 8 months contributing to the closing of more than 800 Wisconsin farms. Those are real lives ruined.*

*He supports Governor Evers's latest restrictions that will put small businesses out of work. He supports Joe Biden's \$4 trillion dollar tax hike that spells further disaster for the businesses of our district.*

*Ron Kind won't share the stage with me today because he knows I will tell the truth: he is bad for Wisconsin business."*