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### **SWANN STATEMENT ON SENATE DEBATE: "TWO-YEAR RESISTANCE ISN'T A SIX-YEAR VISION"**

*Campaign argues establishment candidates focus on blocking Trump without vision for the four years after he leaves.*

CHICAGO - Christopher Swann, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, issued the following statement after Thursday's debate on ABC 7 Chicago between the three establishment candidates:

Every Democrat heading into these last two years of the Trump administration must fight. Resist the chaos coming out of the White House. Push back against the capitulation we're seeing from Republicans in Congress. I'll do that fight. But that's short-term strategy. If we want to win the 2026 midterms, hold the Senate in 2028, and build the coalitions necessary to actually turn this around, we need more than resistance. We need a vision for what comes after. I didn't hear that vision from the three candidates on that stage.

The Senate term I'm running for is six years: 2027 to 2033. Trump leaves office in January 2029. What about the four years after that? When we have a Democratic president and the chance to pass transformational policy, what are we building? They spent an hour telling voters what they'll block. Not one minute on what they'll build. I will spend every day of those six years building the Illinois and the America we deserve.

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They're treating permanent structural damage as temporary problems. Illinois farmers didn't get hurt by tariffs. An entire industry got destroyed. Brazil replaced us as China's soybean supplier. That market is gone forever. There's no "build back better" because there's no back. NATO is collapsing. Our alliances are in shambles. Trump's damage will last decades. Where's the plan to rebuild our role in the world? Through five hours across two forums, not one word about NATO, Ukraine, Denmark, Greenland. Not one word about Gaza.

What else didn't they say? No guaranteed income to ensure every family has a foundation. No housing plan beyond tax credits that subsidize landlords instead of building homes people can actually afford. Vague talk about expanding the Supreme Court but no concrete plan to match justices to circuits. No strategy for using oversight hearings to systematically hold power accountable. And they kept talking about "affordability." People aren't struggling to afford things anymore. They're drowning. "Affordability" is 2020 language. We need transformation.



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Here's what I'm fighting for: A \$25 minimum wage tied to cost of living so we never have to fight this battle again. Guaranteed income so every family has stability. Medicare for All so healthcare is a right, not a privilege tied to employment. Housing for All that actually builds homes and drives down costs. Using every oversight tool Congress has to turn over rocks and hold power accountable. Expanding the Supreme Court to match our judicial circuits. Rebuilding our alliances and our moral standing in the world. And saying out loud what needs to be said even when it costs something: our government is funding genocide in Gaza, and we must stop it.

That's a six-year vision. Not a two-year reaction. Illinois needs a senator who will fight Trump's chaos AND build what comes after.

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