



BLAKE ASHBY FOR CONGRESS
MISSOURI'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Ashby calls for an intellectual reckoning on the Defund Police Movement; Asks if Wesley Bell will actually stand up for the Police

St. Louis, Mo., September 12, 2024 —Missouri Better Party Congressional Candidate Blake Ashby released a video today calling for Wesley Bell to help change the distorted narrative around policing that grew out of the protest and defund police movement.

“Our national narrative around policing has become distorted, making it harder for the police to do their jobs, for police departments to recruit new officers and arguably causing many younger people to not respect the police. It is hurting public safety and civil society.” Noted Ashby. “Wesley’s victory over Representative Cori Bush was a step back from the madness of the Defund Police movement and this distorted narrative. However even with Bush defeated, the ideas still live on within parts of the Democratic Party, and particularly with younger Progressives.”

Ashby noted that while many important reforms came from the protest movement, it has also caused a distorted narrative that is causing many people to not respect the police. “Wesley Bell has the credibility to push back against this narrative” Ashby noted. “Will he do so? Will Wesley actually stand up for the police?”

About Blake Ashby

Ashby, a former Councilperson of Ferguson Missouri, is a successful entrepreneur and consultant and has a long track record of volunteering, with deep roots in the district. While on Council, he pushed for consensus and common ground, with most votes being unanimous. He and his wife served on the Ferguson Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee, formed as part of the Department of Justice Consent Decree with the city. He truly believes that more connects us than separates us. For more information about Blake Ashby, visit blakeashby.org or find him on Facebook.

About the Better Party

The Better Party was created in Missouri to provide reasonable ballot access for independent political candidates at all levels of government. The Party will make it easier for independent candidates in the state to get on the ballot. As a result, Missouri voters will have more options when selecting who will represent them in government. The Better Party is running two candidates in this election, Jared Young running for Senate and Blake Ashby running for Congress. www.betterpartymo.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake Ashby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Blake Ashby
BETTER PARTY CANDIDATE FOR
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