



Freedom Principle MO Files Ethics Complaints Against Bailey Campaign and Liberty and Justice PAC for Illegal Campaign Activities

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The Freedom Principle has filed two separate ethics complaints against AG Bailey's campaign committees. The first was against Bailey for Missouri, the candidate committee for Andrew Bailey for accepting campaign contributions from unregistered corporations, The second was against Liberty and Justice PAC, Bailey's Super PAC for improper "paid for" disclosure statements on its campaign materials. "The Freedom Principle MO continues to monitor campaigns to ensure they are not violating campaign finance laws," said Byron Keelin, President of Freedom Principle MO.

The complaint against the Bailey Campaign is because they have accepted contributions from unregistered corporations. The campaign on December 11, 2023, received a \$2,000 contribution from Agape Construction, and on October 25, 2023, received a \$250 contribution from JHM Law Firm. According to the Secretary of State's website, Agape was established as a Close Corporation with the legal name "Agape Constructions Co., Inc., and JHM Law Firm was formed as an LLC. The Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) does allow LLCs to make direct contributions to candidates if they are registered with the MEC. JHM has not registered and was not registered at the time of the complaint. "These are the small details that keep getting overlooked by his campaign and his management of the Attorney General's office when it comes to court cases," said Keelin. "It's the type of pattern that concerns us. He is more interested in headlines but continually lacks execution in the details."

The complaint against the Liberty and Justice PAC, the Bailey Super PAC, managed by the political operative Steve Tilley, violated Missouri Statute 130.0381.8(2) by not including the committee's name and the PAC Treasurer on its TV and radio ads. The ads only state "Liberty and Justice" but it doesn't include the required independent expenditure committee supporting the candidacy of Andrew Bailey and it doesn't include the name of the treasurer. "You would think someone who is as experienced in campaign consulting as Steve Tilley would know better," said Keelin.

"With all this special interest money being thrown around by these dark-money lobbyist groups, the Freedom Principle MO is doing everything we can to make voters aware of who is buying influence or pulling the policy strings in Jefferson City," said Keelin.

The Freedom Principle MO is a membership-based 501(c)4 organization. We are a pro-citizen, pro-Missouri First organization acting locally and statewide, to protect our families and constitutionally protected liberties. For more information about the Freedom Principle MO visit our website at www.freedomprinciplemo.org.

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