



Freedom Principle MO Calls for Speaker of the House Dean Plocher To Resign Amid Numerous Ethics Allegations

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The Freedom Principle MO is calling for Speaker of the House of Representatives Dean Plocher (Dist. 89) to step down as Speaker amid the numerous alleged ethics violations and reported conflict of interests. “The past several weeks, Missourians have heard about Speaker Plocher’s alleged unethical activities and we find these allegations deeply concerning,” said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO. “Missouri is facing some tough legislative challenges in the 2024 session, and we do not need to have our important agenda derailed by a Speaker dealing with numerous ethics investigations.”

On October 27th, the Missouri House Ethics Committee opened an investigation into Speaker Plocher over a myriad of allegations including his potential conflict of interest involvement in an unsuccessful effort by a private company to land an \$800,000 software contract with the House, allegedly threatening staff, and an accusation of receiving thousands of dollars in reimbursement personally when his campaign paid for the trip. “Previous to these allegations, Speaker Plocher has had many violations on his expense reports,” said Keelin. “According to The Independent through Missouri’s Sunshine Law, Plocher has violated the same campaign finance rule on nine different occasions and misused taxpayer funds dating back to 2018. This isn’t an innocent mistake; it is blatant disrespect for the law and to voters.”

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Missourians, including some members of the legislature, have lost confidence in Speaker Plocher. Among Missouri elected leaders calling for Speaker Plocher to immediately resign include gubernatorial candidates Senator Bill Eigel and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Representative Mazzie Boyd (Dist. 2), and Senator Andrew Koenig (Dist. 15). “We need a Speaker who will respect the law, respect his colleagues and respect Missouri voters,” said Keelin.

Many of Missouri’s conservative grassroots organizations met in Jefferson City in October and developed a list of legislative items they will be working on in the 2024 legislative session. “These key issues include passing Concurrent Ratification Reform, passing a Parents’ Bill of Rights, repealing personal property taxes, banning rank choice voting, crime, and public safety in St. Louis, addressing individual medical freedom, and banning the use of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) scoring in all financial transactions,” said Keelin. “The Legislature cannot be bogged down by the distraction Plocher brings. They have work to be done for Missourians that can’t wait.”

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

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