



**Freedom Principle MO Celebrates Announcement of
Disgraced St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Resignation –
A Positive First Step In Restoring Justice And Law and Order In St. Louis**

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The Freedom Principle MO is celebrating the announcement yesterday of the pending resignation of disgraced St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner. “The Freedom Principle has been working with legislators for more than two years to address the corruption and incompetence of Ms. Gardner,” said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO. “This is a positive first step in restoring justice for the victims of the criminals she let free and hopefully restoring law and order in St. Louis.”

Ms. Gardner announced her resignation after she was exposed by news reports of her pursuing a post-masters nursing degree while serving as the St. Louis Prosecutor. “Her resignation is the culmination of a history of unethical behavior. The residents of St. Louis have been suffering for more than seven years under her mismanagement of the St. Louis Prosecutor’s office,” said Keelin.

The Freedom Principle MO has been actively working with legislators, in particular, Senator Bill Eigel (Dist. 23), Senator Nick Schroer (Dist. 2) and Representative Justin Sparks (Dist. 110), and other St. Louis area representatives to pass HB 301 and HB 702. HB 301, sponsored by Representative Lane Roberts (Dist. 161) will allow the Governor to appoint a special prosecutor for a particular city if the number of murders exceeds a certain percentage. HB 702, sponsored by Representative Brad Christ (Dist. 96) would return control of the St. Louis City Police Department to the State Commission.

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“Just because Kim Gardner is gone doesn’t mean the crime problem is solved,” said Keelin. “We need the Senate to pass HB 301 to prevent future Soros-funded radical prosecuting attorneys from doing the same thing and we need HB 702 to prevent the anti-police Mayor Tishaura Jones and Board of Aldermen from further dismantling and defunding the police.”

According to St. Louis budget documents, the St. Louis police patrol budget was \$73 million in Fiscal Year 2021, \$38 million for Fiscal Year 2022, and is now down to \$28 million for the 2023 fiscal year. The \$40 million went to social programs. The number of St. Louis police continues to decline.

“St. Louis elected leaders have proven they are not competent enough to be responsible for overseeing the St. Louis Police Department,” said Keelin. “We are encouraging our members and supporters to keep calling Senator Caleb Rowden at 573-751-3931 or e-mail him at caleb.rowden@senate.mo.gov and Senator Cindy O’Laughlin at 573-751-7985 or e-mail at cindy.olaughlin@senate.mo.gov and tell them to pass HB 301 and HB 702. This is not an either-or situation. We need to pass both bills to help make St. Louis safer for residents and visitors.”

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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