



February 27, 2023

Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

The Alabama Secretary of State, Wes Allen, recently discovered that the office listed as the corporate headquarters of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) does not exist. This is alarming and in the best interest of Missouri voters, the Freedom Principle MO is calling for you to immediately terminate all contracts and data-sharing links with this service.

According to public information, Missouri joined ERIC in 2017 and has paid dues ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year. During this time, Missouri has transmitted the personal information of millions of our citizens to this private organization. This sensitive data included the following information:

- Personal Names
- Personal Address
- Driver's License or State ID Numbers
- Last four digits of Social Security Numbers
- Date of Birth
- Affirmative Documentation of Citizenship
- Phone Number
- E-Mail address or other electronic contact methods

This sensitive data is supposed to be stored on a secured server maintained by ERIC, but we have learned from this news story that these servers are nowhere to be found and no one can tell us where the data is stored. According to Wes Allen, "There is no ERIC operation at the location they claim is their office." This means Missouri's personal information is compromised.

In addition to immediately terminating all contracts and data-sharing links, we are asking you to work with the Attorney General's office and determine if the founding partners of ERIC colluded to commit election fraud by manipulating data to inflate voter rolls. According to a January 21, 2022, article in "Your News" "ERIC located 17 million new voters for the 2020 election, the most in the history of their organization."

The ERIC system was created by David Becker, an experienced Democrat election lawyer, The Pew Research Center On The States, and was funded by a grant provided by the George Soros Open Society. Furthermore, according to you, the ERIC system has serious flaws. Missouri and other member states were demanding changes to this agreement, or you were going to join Louisiana and Alabama and terminate the agreement. We believe this revelation of their empty corporate office and non-existent servers proves ERIC has been a scam and Missouri should immediately terminate its relationship.

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As Secretary of State, we count on you to protect the integrity of our elections. If Missouri continues to participate in the ERIC system, the integrity of our elections will be undermined.

We are also demanding that the Missouri Legislature immediately pass SB 78 and end our dependence on all automatic tabulating equipment, electronic voting machines, and voting registration machines in elections.

Missourians saw what happened in 2020 and 2022 as our election process was shaken to its core. Our republic depends on our ability to elect who represents us, and Missouri's participation in the ERIC system puts this under threat. The right to vote and the right to have our vote counted is essential to our American republic. It is imperative you immediately withdraw Missouri's participation from this service.

Respectfully,

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

Byron Keelin  
President, Freedom Principle MO

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