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Ashby calls on Representative Bush to Affirm Israel's right to exist; Notes her comments suggest she doesn't believe Israelis deserve self-determination

St. Louis, Mo., May 24, 2024 —Better Party Candidate Blake Ashby calls on Rep. Cori Bush to publicly affirm Israel's right to exist. Through numerous comments, Rep. Bush has seemed to suggest that the nation of Israel is somehow illegitimate, and that the Jewish Israeli citizens shouldn't have the right to choose their government.

"Rep. Bush has said that Gaza is really about "White Supremacy", implying that somehow Israeli Jews stole their country" noted Ashby. "But Israeli Jews immigrated legally, over many decades. They have the same right to choose their government that every person does. Migration happens all the time. We don't deny transplants to Florida the right to vote, why would we deny the Jewish citizens of Israel that same right?"

Ashby noted that the one person/one vote is a foundation of our belief in democracy. If we start deciding that some groups don't deserve the vote, we will be stepping back from a belief that all people deserve the right to choose their government. "Cori Bush needs to set the record straight," said Ashby. "She needs to tell the voters of the 1st District whether or not she believes the Jewish citizens have an inherent right to choose their government."

About Blake Ashby

Ashby, a former Councilperson of Ferguson Missouri, is a successful entrepreneur and consultant with a long track record of volunteerism, with deep roots in the district. While on Ferguson City Council, he pushed for consensus and common ground. He truly believes that more connects us than separates us. He is running in the 1st District to push back against the hyper-partisanship and anger which is harming our country.

For more information about Blake Ashby, visit blakeashby.org or find him on Facebook/Blake for Change.

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 Missouri 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



About Jared Young

Young is an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate. He is a devoted family man, former CEO, and Harvard-educated attorney with international experience. Jared has stepped up to provide a voter-centered approach to politics. He believes that hyperpolarized partisan politics are getting in the way of progress on our country's biggest problems – like immigration and our nation's financial situation. Politicians who swear their allegiance to their party in exchange for money and power are not prioritizing the needs of those they represent. He will be loyal to Missourians and will collaborate with others who prioritize progress over party.

For more information about Jared Young, visit <u>www.votejaredyoung.com</u> or find him on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube.

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