



Blake Ashby for Congress  
Contact: Trish Cook  
Phone: (314) 246-0233  
Email: [Press@blakeashby.org](mailto:Press@blakeashby.org)

For Immediate Release

Ashby announces start of Billboard Campaign highlighting  
Congresswoman Cori Bush's support for Defunding Police

St. Louis, MO, June 12, 2024 — Blake Ashby, the Better Party's candidate for MO's 1st Congressional District, announced the start of a billboard campaign highlighting Rep. Cori Bush's extremism. The first billboard will call out Bush's continued support for defunding the Police.

"My wife and I, as part of the Ferguson Neighborhood Policing Committee, surveyed hundreds of Ferguson residents in the area where Michael Brown was killed. Overwhelmingly, Ferguson residents of all races didn't want less policing – they wanted better policing."

Ashby noted that even with the increasing mayhem in the City of St. Louis and a growing crime problem in North County, Bush still refuses to moderate her position. "Rep. Bush is too embarrassed to admit that one of her main campaign positions, the need to defund the police, has backfired and is harming the 1<sup>st</sup> District. The 1<sup>st</sup> District needs someone that actually represents the residents of the District, not extremists more focused on making a point than making progress."

#### **About Blake Ashby**

Ashby, a former Councilperson of Ferguson Missouri, is a successful entrepreneur and consultant with a long track record of volunteerism, has 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 1<sup>st</sup> District to push back against the hyper-partisanship and anger which is harming our country, embodied by Rep. Cori Bush. For more information about Blake Ashby, visit [blakeashby.org](http://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](http://www.betterpartymo.com)