



Blake Ashby for Congress
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Congressional Candidate Blake Ashby releases video in support of Pride Month
Notes acceptance of LGBTQ community as proof of expanding circle of freedom

St. Louis, MO, June 6, 2024 — Blake Ashby, the Better Party's candidate for MO's 1st Congressional District, has released a video statement in support of Pride Month, our annual celebration of the contributions of our LGBTQ community.

In his statement, Blake expresses his support for the LGBTQ community and stresses the importance of expanding the circle of freedom to all Americans. He also emphasizes the right of every individual to be able to live their life as they want, instead of how others might want them to. Blake noted "It's not freedom if you have to hide part of who you are."

Blake shares the experiences that helped advance his support of the LGBTQ community, including his first experience witnessing a public display of affection between a same-sex couple, watching NFL draftee Michael Sam kiss his male partner on ESPN in 2014. He acknowledges the personal progress he has made in understanding, accepting, and celebrating the LGBTQ community, as well as the country's advancement in this regard.

Blake is looking forward to attending Pride Fest later this month, where he plans on celebrating the LGBTQ community's vibrancy and impact on the St. Louis region and beyond.

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 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