

BILL EIGEL

30-DAY REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

look ahead
strategies

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TOP HITS

AT ODDS WITH FELLOW REPUBLICANS

Former President Donald Trump

- AUDIO: During the 2016 GOP presidential primary, Eigel endorsed Ted Cruz over Trump, and he said Trump was not his first (Cruz), second (Rubio) or possibly third choice (Walker) for president. (Cruz For President, [Press Release](#), 3/14/16; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 8/15/16; 33:00 Mark)
 - Eigel now claims he backed Trump since “day one.” (Bill Eigel, Twitter Feed, Posted 11/14/23)
- AUDIO: In 2020, Eigel said Trump was having problems with suburban voters, because he was “overly candid” and “a little abrasive.” ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 10/13/20; 27:00 Mark)
- VIDEO: In 2022, Eigel said when he thought of a leader, he thought of Trump rival Ron DeSantis. (Grace Church’s YouTube Channel, Guest Speaker-Bill Eigel, 5/26/22; [1:41:30 Mark](#))
- In 2023, Trump’s presidential campaign sent a cease-and-desist letter to Eigel’s campaign fundraisers demanding an end to their fraudulent use of Trump’s name to deceive low-income donors into cutting checks to Eigel’s gubernatorial campaign. ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/13/23)

Ring Leader Of The “Chaos Caucus” In Jefferson City

- Eigel’s time in the Republican-led State Senate has been marked by his role as the leader of the “Chaos Caucus” that has blocked conservative policy priorities related to charter schools, illegal immigration, prohibiting foreign ownership of farm land, preserving pro-life laws, banning transgendered student athletes, strengthening parental rights in schools, providing health benefits to new mothers, and protecting victims of sexual assault and child abuse. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 4/25/19; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 3/9/22; [The Kansas City Star](#), 5/16/22; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/12/23; [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/31/24)
 - In 2023, Eigel defended his decision to block all Republican-sponsored legislation on the last day of the session – the second least productive session in 30 years – calling it his “Darth Vader moment.” ([The Associated Press](#), 5/13/23)
- When fellow Republicans objected to Eigel’s chaos, he had to be physically separated from one lawmaker, and he became so angry and animated while yelling at a female lawmaker that he was instructed to put his hands at his side. Such incidents have resulted in fellow Republicans labeling him as “self-serving,” “classless,” a bully, and a narcissist. ([Missouri Independent](#), 2/12/22; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 3/9/22; [Springfield News-Leader](#), 3/10/22; [The Kansas City Star](#), 5/16/22; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/12/23; [The Kansas City Star](#), 1/18/24; [The Kansas City Star](#), 1/25/24)
- In 2022, liberal State Senate Democrats took advantage of the Eigel-led chaos to ensure the agenda of the Republican-led chamber was shut down. ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/16/22)

BUSINESS ISSUES

Campaigning On His Business Experience

- Eigel is campaigning for governor on his experience from 2006 to 2016 as the owner and manager of St. Louis Skylights/National Skylight Solutions, a Missouri-based skylight business. ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 12/18/23)

- o On Eigel's watch, the business touted its partnership with Velux, a woke European light manufacturer with factories in 11 countries, including Communist China. (St. Louis Skylights Website, "[Story](#)" Page, Time Stamped 9/25/10; Accessed Via Archive.org; Velux, 2013 Corporate Responsibility Report, Accessed 1/12/24; Velux Website, "[Our Views](#)" Page, Time Stamped, 12/7/15; Accessed Via Archive.org)
- o In 2019, the taxpayer-funded Bi-State Development Agency sued Eigel Enterprises/St. Louis Skylights for fraud, unjust enrichment and breach of contract for failing to return a \$42,500 deposit for a scuttled Eigel-era skylight project. It is unclear if the case was settled as Bi-State voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit with prejudice in 2020. (St. Louis County Circuit Court, Case 19SL-CC03030, Petition, Filed 7/24/19; St. Louis County Circuit Court, Case 19SL-CC03030, Voluntary Dismissal With Prejudice, Filed 1/28/20)
- o On Eigel's watch, St. Louis Skylights was penalized for making three delinquent personal property tax payments, and the state of Missouri filed an \$856.08 tax lien against another Eigel business, Eigel Enterprises LLC, for unpaid sales taxes. (Missouri Department Of Revenue, Lien 201207305000264, Filed 5/25/12; St. Louis County Collector Of Revenue, Personal Property Tax Database, Accessed 1/12/24)

Profiting From An Obama-Era SBA Loan

- According to federal records, Eigel's National Skylight Solutions LLC received a \$2.6 million SBA loan from the Obama administration in February 2016 via a program designed for businesses that could not obtain private financing. Two months later, Eigel, an outspoken critic of corporate welfare ("picking winners and losers"), sold his business for an undisclosed sum of money. (USSpending.gov, [National Skylight Solutions-Loan](#), Accessed 1/20/24; St. Louis Skylights Website, [New Ownership Announcement](#), 4/29/16)
- In March 2016, one month after the \$2.6 million SBA loan was received, Eigel and his wife, Amanda, bought the Weldon Spring property where they built their sprawling 5,370-square foot residence that is currently valued at \$1.9 million by Zillow. (Zillow.com, [398 Patriotic Trail Profile](#), Accessed 12/12/23)

POTENTIAL ISSUE VULNERABILITIES

Short-Lived Anti-Tax Hike Pledge

- In 2016, Eigel campaigned for the State Senate on an anti-tax hike pledge, and, in 2017, he promised to "never vote to raise your taxes." ([The Missouri Times](#), 11/15/16; Bill Eigel, Facebook, 5/4/17)

Eigel's Tax Hikes

- In 2018, Eigel sponsored failed tax overhaul legislation that included a 34% gas tax hike and an online sales tax, and eliminated federal income tax deductions and some business tax breaks. ([The Missouri Times](#), 11/6/17)
 - o Americans for Prosperity-Missouri opposed Eigel's bill due to its inclusion of a "devastating gas tax" and concerns it "would fail to decrease the tax burden on Missourians." (Americans For Prosperity-Missouri, [Press Release](#), 2/28/18)
 - o The non-partisan Tax Foundation estimated provisions included in Eigel's amended bill could have increased the gas tax by up to 58% - a far higher figure than the original 34%. (Tax Foundation, Press Release, 4/11/18)
- In 2017, Eigel served on a transportation task force that recommended \$4.3 billion in gas and diesel tax hikes to fund state transportation needs. (Missouri State Senate, [21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force Page](#), Accessed 5/22/23; [Springfield Business Journal](#), 1/3/18)

- In 2019, Eigel, who said he was “not opposed to consumption taxes,” sponsored failed tax overhaul legislation that included a 47% sales tax hike that critics feared would hammer low-income Missourians. ([The Missouri Times](#), 2/12/19; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 6/22/17; 39:39 Mark)
- In 2019, Eigel sponsored failed legislation to impose a \$158 million tax on private college endowments over the objections of St. Louis University and Washington University officials, who noted endowments funded scholarships and lifesaving medical research. ([Columbia Daily Tribune](#), 4/3/19; SB 188, [Bill Summary](#), Accessed 1/15/24)
- In 2020, Eigel sponsored failed tax overhaul legislation that included a provision to impose a \$276 million/yr. petroleum surcharge on Missouri drivers. (SB 573, [Bill Summary](#), Accessed 1/15/24)
- In 2021, Eigel voted for a Parson-signed bill to allow the state to collect online sales taxes. ([KFVS](#), 6/30/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/13/21, Vote On SB 153: 25-4, Eigel Voted Yea)
- In 2024, Eigel has protested the renewal of a health care provider tax that funds Missouri’s Medicaid program even though he voted in 2021 for a Parson-signed bill to renew the tax. [Fox 2](#), 6/26/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 6/26/21, Vote On SB 1: 28-5, Eigel Voted Yea; [KFVS](#), 1/5/24)

Opposition To Tax Relief To Benefit Missouri Farmers, Workers & Families

- While Eigel has touted his work to reduce the tax burden on Missourians, he voted against tax relief to benefit farmers and GM jobs in Wentzville. He also voted against tax relief to help single mothers and families via tax breaks on diapers, feminine hygiene products and child care. (Gov. Mike Parson, [Press Release](#), 6/22/18; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/18/18, Vote On HB 1831: 18-13, Eigel Voted Nay; Missouri State Senate Journal, 3/11/20, Vote On SA 2 To SB 648: 18-11, Eigel Voted Nay; Gov. Mike Parson, [Press Release](#), 10/10/22; Missouri State Senate Journal, 10/4/22, Vote On HB 3: 26-3, Eigel Voted Nay; [The Center Square](#), 2/9/24; [The Kansas City Star](#), 5/12/19)

Eliminating The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles

- Eigel has repeatedly sponsored failed legislation to eliminate the personal property tax on vehicles without offsetting the loss of funds to local governments, which has raised concerns about defunding local police, fire departments, ambulance districts and schools. ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 3/8/21; [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 4/9/22; [KSDK](#), 12/6/23)
- While Eigel has pushed to eliminate the personal property tax on vehicles, he paid his 2022 and 2023 personal property taxes in St. Charles County on January 16, 2024. A St. Charles County official could not explain why Eigel was not penalized for the delinquent payments. (St. Charles County Collector’s Office, Personal Property Taxes-Eigel, Accessed 12/4/23)

State Spending Issues

- Eigel has criticized and been one of the few votes against Republican-sponsored state budgets that funded law enforcement, the Missouri National Guard, public schools, colleges, road projects and veterans homes, banned tax dollars for Planned Parenthood, increased teacher and Highway Patrol pay, and invested in improving school safety, fighting the opioid crisis, and reducing the state’s rape kit backlog. ([The Associated Press](#), 4/26/22; Missouri State Senate Journals, 2017-2023, Accessed 1/20/24)
 - Despite Eigel’s criticism of state spending, he slipped a \$2 million pet project into a state budget in 2019 to upgrade a city-owned island in the Missouri River. In 2022, he slipped a \$3 million pet project for a county-owned airport into a state budget, but Gov. Parson vetoed it. ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/1/19; [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 8/13/22)

- VIDEO: In 2022, Eigel said it was “reasonable” to cut federal program requirements in the state budget, which could arguably jeopardize \$25.7 billion or half of the state’s revenues. (Grace Church’s YouTube Channel, Guest Speaker-Bill Eigel, 5/26/22; [1:32:50 Mark](#))
- Eigel supported Medicaid cuts for children’s hospitals in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, and he opposed providing Medicaid coverage to low-income mothers and newborn babies, helping seniors obtain hearing aids, and COVID-19 relief for homeowners. ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/25/20; [Jefferson City News-Tribune](#), 5/6/23; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 9/2/19; Missouri State Senate Journal, 3/14/19, Vote On SB 101: 29-4, Eigel Voted Nay)
- Eigel stated his support for cutting the state workforce and state employee salaries and pensions. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/13/24; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 9/18/23; 32:45 Mark)

Crime Issues

- In addition to voting against state budgets that funded law enforcement and Highway Patrol officer raises, Eigel objected to mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders, danced around taking a position on the death penalty, voted to create a needle exchange program, and he opposed legislation to combat the opioid crisis, set a time limit to test rape kits and expand the ability of sex crime victims to seek compensation. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/2/24; MissouriNet, 4/13/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 3/11/21, Vote On SB 64: 30-4, Eigel Voted Yea; [KRCCG](#), 4/24/18; Missouri State Senate Journal, 4/5/18, Vote On SB 966: 30-3, Eigel Voted Nay; [FHN Today](#), 3/22/18; [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/12/19)

St. Louis County/St. Louis City Merger

- In 2019, Eigel sided with supporters of merging St. Louis County with the crime-ridden city of St. Louis when he voted against a resolution to oppose a statewide vote on such a merger. ([The Missouri Times](#), 4/18/19; Missouri State Senate Journal, 4/18/19, Vote On SCR 1: 26-5, Eigel Voted Nay)

Flip-Flop On Tort Reform

- While Eigel campaigned in support of tort reform in 2016, he later flip-flopped and voted against legislation to shield businesses from COVID-19 lawsuits and to reform the out-of-date statute of limitations. To date, his campaign committee and supportive PACs have received over \$500,000 from trial lawyers. ([Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 11/7/16; [St. Louis Record](#), 12/5/23; [The Missouri Times](#), 2/23/21; Missouri Chamber Of Commerce & Industry, [Press Release](#), 4/7/22)

Clash With A Top VFW Official

- In 2020, Eigel sponsored failed asbestos-related legislation that a top VFW official attacked as a means to block veterans from receiving compensation for asbestos exposure while on duty. (Veterans Of Foreign Wars-Missouri Commander Troy Williams, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 2/25/20)

Foreign Ownership Of Farm Land

- While Eigel has claimed to support a “100% ban on foreign ownership of Missouri farmland,” one of his primary opponents has criticized him for backing a loophole to allow bad actors like Communist China to buy as much land as they want as long as it is not designated as agricultural. ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/19/23)

Abortion

- The staunchly pro-life Eigel has repeatedly stated his opposition to any abortion exceptions. ([The Kansas City Star](#), 7/27/23)

BEHAVING LIKE A TYPICAL POLITICIAN

While Eigel is campaigning to bring radical change to Jefferson City, he has often engaged in the same kind of activities as the politicians he rails against.

- In 2023, Eigel refused to comment on a report his campaign fundraisers deceived thousands of low-income people to believe they were donating to former President Donald Trump when, in fact, they were donating to support his gubernatorial bid. ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/2/23)
- In 2017, Eigel recused himself from a vote to turn down an increase in his legislative pay. ([The Kansas City Star](#), 1/31/17)
- Eigel’s State Senate campaigns received over \$30,000 from lawyers and lobbyists, and his campaign and supportive PACs have received over \$500,000 from trial lawyers. (The Institute On Money In State Politics, [Bill Eigel-Campaign Profile](#), Accessed 1/20/24; [Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 11/7/16; [St. Louis Record](#), 12/5/23; [The Missouri Times](#), 2/23/21; Missouri Chamber Of Commerce & Industry, [Press Release](#), 4/7/22))
- In 2019, Carter Ballmann, Eigel’s former campaign manager, was sentenced to 5 years in prison for attempted receipt of child pornography. ([Columbia Daily Tribune](#), 6/24/19)
- Eigel’s son, Kevin, has been a paid campaign staffer on his father’s 2020 State Senate campaign and now his 2024 gubernatorial campaign. (Missouri Ethics Commission, Campaign Expenditure Database, Accessed 1/10/24)

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name	William “Bill” Charles Eigel
Date of Birth	11/24/1977 in Dayton, OH
Residence	398 Patriotic Trail, Weldon Spring, MO 63304
Spouse	Wife, Amanda (Zerr); Two Children
Education	B.S, Industrial Engineering, Purdue, 1999 MBA, Webster University, 2006
Religion	Catholic
Current Employment	Missouri State Senator, 23 rd District; Gubernatorial Candidate



Social Media

Official Facebook	EigelForMO
Personal Facebook	weigel77
Twitter	@BillEigel

Instagram	n/a
LinkedIn	WilliamEigel
TikTok	n/a
Venmo	n/a

TIMELINE

November 24, 1977: Born William Charles Eigel in Dayton, OH. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1/31/24)

1995: Graduated from Archbishop Alter High School (OH). (*Dayton Daily News*, 6/18/95)

1999: Graduated from Purdue University (IN) with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1/31/24)

1999-2006: Served in the U.S. Air Force, where he became an aircraft maintenance officer. (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)

2000-2024: Married to wife, Amanda Renee (Zerr) Eigel. (*The Times*, 8/30/00)

2006: Graduated from Webster University (MO) with an MBA. (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)

2006-2008: General Manager of St. Louis Skylights (MO). (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23; *Springfield News-Leader*, 12/18/23)

2008-2017: President/Chairman/Owner of National Skylight Solutions (MO). (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23; *Springfield News-Leader*, 12/18/23)

2016 & 2020: Elected and re-elected Missouri State Senator for the 23rd District. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)

2017-2024: Missouri State Senator for the 23rd District. (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)

2023-2024: Running for Missouri governor. (*St. Louis Public Radio*, 9/18/23)

FAMILY & EDUCATION

Family

BORN & RAISED IN OHIO

Eigel Is A Dayton, OH Native And The Son Of Decorated Vietnam War Veteran Robert Eigel, Who Died In 2018. "Eigel, Sr., Colonel Robert L. Age 81, died April 11, 2018 at his home in Centerville, OH. Bob was born on January 10, 1937 in St. Louis, MO. to Dr. Edwin and Catherine Eigel. ... Bob is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Charlotte, of 49 years; daughters, Karen Holden of McKinney, TX and Deborah Steele of Centerville, OH; sons, Lt Col Robert Jr. of Springboro, OH and William (Amanda) of St. Louis, MO. He has eight beloved grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Bob earned his bachelor's degree from St. Louis University (1959) and master's degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology (1968). He served honorably in the United States Air Force as a command pilot for twenty-three years, including tours in Vietnam during 1968 and 1969. Bob's decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. ... After retiring from the Air Force, he joined

Cincinnati Electronics Corporation as a program manager. Bob went on to become a senior executive with RJO Enterprises and International Consultants Incorporated. He completed his business career as a consultant." (Colonel Robert L. Eigel Sr. Obituary, Legacy.com, 2018)

WIFE & KIDS

Since 2000, Eigel Has Been Married To His Wife, Amanda (Zerr). (*The Times*, 8/30/00)

MARRIAGE LICENSES	
Broderick Joel Burton and Contessa Maris Chembles, both of Fayetteville, N.C.	Jeremy Thad Baughman and Jamie Renee Hartley, both of Shreveport.
David Leon Chreene and Christi Ann Moreau Stafford, both of Mooringsport.	Harvey Eugene Bell and Dinah Raquel Eastham, both of BAFB.
Alton Wade Daniels and Sharon Hayes, both of Shreveport.	Rickey Booker and Tanya Faye Willis, both of Shreveport.
Darrell Demetric Houston and Mary Tousanna Brown, both of Shreveport.	Richard Daniel Carvin and Katherine Adele Doherty Peterson, both of Ukiah, Calif.
Calvin Wayne Johnson and Jeane F. Cartwright Moore, both of Shreveport.	Michael Owens Craig and Dorothy Ann Carroll White, both of Bossier City.
	William Charles Eigel II and Amanda Renee Zerr, both of Shreveport.
	Roger Alan Florea and Dawn Renee

The Eigels Have Two Teenage Children. "The Eigel Family includes Bill, Amanda, son Kevin (19) and daughter Lisa (16), as well as two poorly behaved Great Danes, Pika and Belle." (Bill Eigel's Campaign Website, ["Meet Bill Eigel" Page](#), Accessed 12/12/23)

Education

In 1995, Eigel Graduated From Archbishop Alter High School (OH), Where He Played Football And Was Involved In The School Newspaper And Two Clubs. (Archbishop Alter High School, *Excalibur Yearbook*, 1995; Page 241)

Billy Eigel **Katie Fitzpatrick** **Brian Forschner**

Pride and School Relations 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Kairos 4 Leader; Reserve Softball 1; S.A.D.D. 1, Officer 2, 3, President 4; "Love when it hurts, laugh when you can, keep hangin' on 'til you understand." Mark Collie
William Eigel Knightly News 2; Key Club 1; Spanish Club 3; Football 4.
Katie Fitzpatrick Peer Ministry 3, 4; S.A.D.D. 4; Spanish Club 4.
Brian Forschner German Club 1, 2, 3 Treasurer 4; Key Club 1; Peer Ministry 4.
Todd Fortwengler Soccer 1; Football Manager 1; Basketball Statistics 2, Manager 3, 4; S.A.D.D. 4; "You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing." Anon.

In 1999, Eigel Received A Degree In Industrial Engineering Degree From Purdue University (IN), And, In 2006, He Received An MBA From Webster University (MO). (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)

Education



Webster University

MBA, Business

2004 - 2006



Purdue University

BS, Industrial Engineering

1995 - 1999

Activities and societies: USAF ROTC, Arnold Air Society

- *NOTE: A review of Purdue University yearbooks during Eigel's time as a student confirmed that he was active in the Air Force ROTC. (Purdue University, Debris Yearbooks, 1995-1999)*

Military Service

Eigel Served In The Air Force From 1999 To 2006

From 1999 To 2006, Eigel Served In The U.S. Air Force As A Flight Commander And Aircraft Maintenance Officer. (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)



United States Air Force

7 yrs 3 mos

- **Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer-In-Charge**

Jun 2005 - Oct 2006 · 1 yr 5 mos

- **Flight Commander**

Aug 1999 - May 2005 · 5 yrs 10 mos

"His Final Posting Was At Whiteman Air Force Base In Knob Noster, Where He Was In Charge Of The Fleet Of B-2 Stealth Bombers." "In his 20s, Eigel joined the Air Force himself, serving as an aircraft maintenance officer for nearly eight years. His final posting was at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster, where he was in charge of the fleet of B-2 stealth bombers." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/31/24)

- *NOTE: A request for a copy of Eigel's DD-214 file is pending with the Department of Defense.*

PUBLIC RECORDS

PROPERTY RECORDS

398 Patriotic Trail, Weldon Spring, MO 63304



(Zillow.com, [398 Patriotic Trail Profile](#), Accessed 12/12/23)

Since 2016, Eigel And His Wife, Amanda, Have Owned The Residence Located At 398 Patriotic Trail In Weldon Spring

In 2016, The Eigels Bought The Property Located At 398 Patriotic Trail, Where They Built Their Current Residence. (St. Charles County Assessor's Office, [Property Database-398 Patriotic Trail](#), Accessed 12/1/23)



Account Number: T123000001	Parcel ID: 3-0059-A851-00-0001.0000000
Owner(s): EIGEL WILLIAM C & EIGEL AMANDA 398 PATRIOTIC TRL WELDON SPRING, MO 63304	Property Address: 398 PATRIOTIC TRL 63304
	School District: Francis Howell
	City: Weldon Spring
	Fire District: Cottleville
	Neighborhood Code: 1187
Subdivision: ENCLAVE AT SADDLEBACK	

Legal Description: ENCLAVE AT SADDLEBACK LOT 1	
Lot Size: 5.0200 AC	Site Map

Building Data

Year Built: 2016	Property Type: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (R)
Quality Code: R - 60 - Excellent	Architectural Type: 1 - 1STY - 1 Story Building Exterior Walls: 10% FACE BRICK, 20% STONE, 70% SIDING,
Bedrooms: 3	Total Area: 3,970
Bathrooms: 4	Base Area: 3,970
Half Bathrooms: 1	Parking Area: 1,388
Total Rooms: 7	Basement Area: 3,952
Fireplaces: 3	Finished Basement Area: 1,200

Sales History

Previous Owner(s)	Sale Date	Sale Price	Book/Year & Page/Doc No.
		Adj. Sale Price	U.P.S.F.
CROSS HOMES & ASSOC INC	03/17/2016	\$300,000	06505-001313
		\$300,000	\$75.57
CROSS HOMES & ASSOCIATES INC	03/16/2016	\$251,000	06505-001099
		\$251,000	\$63.22

According To Zillow.com, The Eigels' 5,370-Square Foot Residence Has An Estimated Value Of \$1.9 Million. (Zillow.com, [398 Patriotic Trail Profile](#), Accessed 12/12/23)



5 bd | 6 ba | 5,370 sqft

398 Patriotic Trl, Weldon Spring, MO 63304

Off market

Zestimate®: **\$1,916,400** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$11,837**

- NOTE: A review of St. Charles County records found the Eigels have paid the property taxes on their current residence and their prior residence at 250 Fox Haven Drive in O'Fallon in a timely manner and without penalty. (St. Charles County Collector's Office, Property Taxes-398 Patriotic Trail, Accessed 12/1/23)

DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

According To St. Charles County Records, Eigel And His Wife, Amanda, Paid Their 2022 And 2023 Personal Property Taxes On January 16, 2024. A St. Charles County Official Could Not Explain Why The Eigels Were Not Penalized For The Delinquent Payments. (St. Charles County Collector's Office, Personal Property Taxes-Eigel, Accessed 12/4/23)

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Owner Information

EIGEL WILLIAM C EIGEL AMANDA R
398 PATRIOTIC TRL
WELDON SPRING, MO 63304

Payment Information

Status ✔ Paid
Last Payment Date 01/16/2024
Amount Paid \$52.48
Payer Name EIGEL WILLIAM C EIGEL AMANDA R
Receipt Number B23.186119

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Data as of **01/19/2024**

Property Information

Tax Year 2022
Account # / PIN P0823695
Description
Geo CD 1000
Situs Address 398 PATRIOTIC TRL

Bill Information

Bill Number 396670
Base Taxes \$2,325.75
Penalty \$0.00
Interest \$0.00
Discount \$0.00
Total Due \$0.00

Classes

Personal Property

Installment	Due Date	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Fee	Total
1	12/31/2022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Owner Information

EIGEL WILLIAM C EIGEL AMANDA R
398 PATRIOTIC TRL
WELDON SPRING, MO 63304

Payment Information

Status ✔ Paid
Last Payment Date 01/16/2024
Amount Paid \$52.48
Payer Name EIGEL WILLIAM C EIGEL AMANDA R
Receipt Number B23.186120

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Data as of **01/19/2024**

Property Information

Tax Year 2023
Account # / PIN P0823695
Description
Geo CD 1000
Situs Address 398 PATRIOTIC TRL

Bill Information

Bill Number 397396
Base Taxes \$2,475.68
Penalty \$0.00
Interest \$0.00
Discount \$0.00
Total Due \$0.00

Classes

Personal Property

Installment	Due Date	Tax	Penalty	Interest	Fee	Total
1	12/31/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

29653 Salt Lick Avenue, Salisbury, MO 65281



(Zillow.com, [29653 Salt Lick Profile](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Since 2013, Eigel Has Owned The Residence Located At 29653 Salt Lick Avenue In Salisbury, MO Via Eigel Missouri Investments LLC. (Lexis-Nexis, Real Property Database, Accessed 1/20/24)

Assessment Record For CHARITON County

Estimated Roll Certification Date: 05/31/2021

Owner Information

Original Name: EIGEL MISSOURI INVESTMENTS LLC(COMPANY/CORPORATION)
Standardized Name: EIGEL MISSOURI INVESTMENTS LLC
Original Address: 398 PATRIOTIC TRL
SALISBURY, MO 65281-7916
Standardized Address: 398 PATRIOTIC TRL
SALISBURY, MO 65281
CHARITON COUNTY

Property Information

Original Property Address: 29653 S SALT LICK AVE
SALISBURY, MO 65281
Standardized Property Address: 29653 SALT LICK AVE
SALISBURY, MO 65281-2385
CHARITON COUNTY
Land Use: RURAL RESIDENCE (AGRICULTURAL)
County: CHARITON
Data Source: B

Legal Information

Assessor's Parcel Number: 16-00260.0000
Recording Date: 06/06/2013
Book/Page: 271/142
Brief Description: N 1/2 SW
Legal Description: SEC/TWN/RNG/MER: SEC 12 TWN 53 RNG 17

Sale Information

Recording Date: 06/06/2013
Prior Recording Date: 01/18/1992
Document Number: 438

Assessment Information

Market Value Year: 2020
Total Market Value: \$163,810
Assessment Year: 2021
Total Assessed Value: \$163,810
Land Use: RURAL RESIDENCE (AGRICULTURAL)

According To Zillow.com, The Residence Has An Estimated Value Of \$597,500. (Zillow.com, [29653 Salt Lick Avenue Profile](#), Accessed 1/21/24)



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5 bd | 3 ba | 2,877 sqft

29653 Salt Lick Ave, Salisbury, MO 65281

● **Off market**

Zestimate®: **\$597,500** | Rent Zestimate®: **\$3,438**

- *NOTE: Eigel Missouri Investments LLC appears to have owned several properties scattered throughout the state. Research into each property is ongoing.*

BUSINESS RECORDS

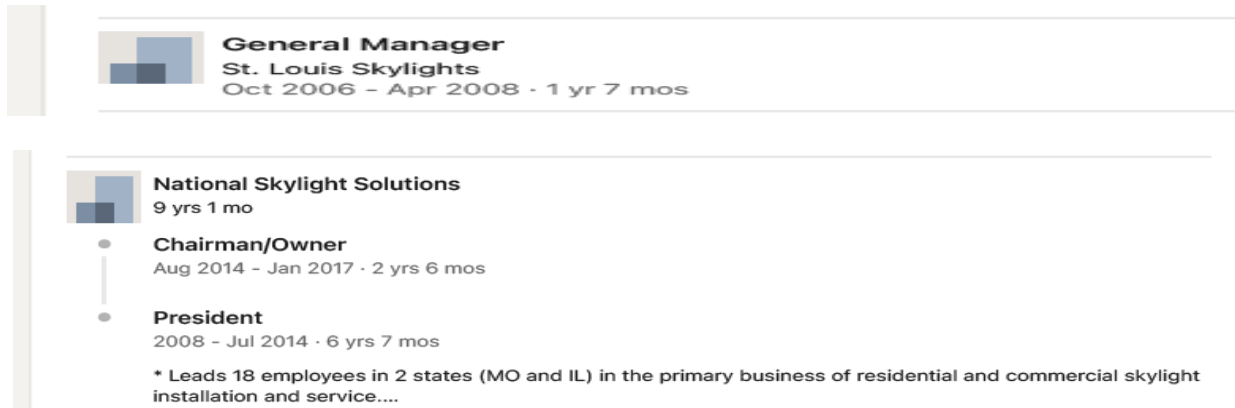
Skylight Installation Business

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OVERVIEW

From 2006 To 2016, Eigel Owned And Managed A Missouri-Based Skylight Installation Business Known As St. Louis Skylights/National Skylight Solutions

From 2006 To 2008, Eigel Worked As The General Manager Of St. Louis Skylights, Which Was Then Rebranded As National Skylight Solutions. From 2008 To 2017 [Actually 2016], He Served As The President, Chairman And Owner Of National Skylight Solutions. (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)



Eigel Has Campaigned For The State Senate And Governor On His Skylight Business Record

In November 2016, The Missouri Times Reported Eigel Campaigned On "His Ability To Grow The Skylight Installation Company..." "Eigel's career as a businessman began when he bought a small business after leaving the Air Force. Since then, he has built the company, St. Louis Skylights, to become one of the fastest growing skylight installation companies in the nation. The Eigels also now own National Sky Light Solutions, the parent company of their St. Louis location as well as branches in Chicago. ... On the campaign trail, Eigel touted his ability to grow the skylight installation company despite buying it at the outset of the recession. That business acumen will likely be an asset to the chamber, as will having a senator in the majority party." ([The Missouri Times](#), 11/15/16)

In December 2023, Eigel Touted His Skylight Business Experience As An Asset To His Gubernatorial Campaign. "Following his exit from service, he [Eigel] and his wife moved to St. Charles County, where Eigel purchased St. Louis Skylights, a small residential and commercial remodeling company. The firm was rebranded as National Skylight Solutions in 2010, with locations in Missouri and Illinois that provide service across the country. His experience operating the business has given him insight into managing money, something he feels is being improperly handled by state elected officials. 'The first step I think a governor can take is to go into Jefferson City and go through that budget and really pull out the efficiencies and reduce the size of government,' Eigel said." ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 12/18/23)

Eigel And His Wife, Amanda, Built National Skylight Solutions – The Parent Company Of A Multi-State Operation – Into "One Of The Fastest Growing Skylight Installation Companies In America"

According To The Archived "Story" Page From The St. Louis Skylights Website, The Eigels Built National Skylight Solutions Into "One Of The Fastest Growing Skylight Installation Companies In America" With Subsidiaries In St. Louis, Chicago, Nashville, Knoxville, And Long Island. (St. Louis Skylights Website, ["Story" Page](#), Time Stamped 9/25/10; Accessed Via Archive.org)

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EIGEL'S SKYLIGHT INSTALLATION BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Eigel Registered St. Louis Skylights As A Fictitious Name That Operated Under Two Parent Businesses – Eigel Enterprises LLC And National Skylight Solutions LLC

In 2007, Eigel Registered St. Louis Skylights As A Fictitious Name Operating Under Eigel Enterprises LLC. (Missouri Secretary Of State, St. Louis Skylights-Registration Of Fictitious Name, Filed 1/2/07)

State of Missouri
 Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State
 Corporations Division
 P.O. Box 778
 600 W. Main St., Rm 322
 Jefferson City, MO 65102

File Number: 2007003207C
 X00786522
 Date Filed: 01/03/2007
 Expiration Date: 01/03/2012
 Robin Carnahan
 Secretary of State

Registration of Fictitious Name (Submit with filing fee of \$7)

This information is for the use of the public and gives no protection to the name being registered. There is no provision in this Chapter to keep another person or business entity from adopting and using the same name. The fictitious name registration expires 5 years from the filing date. (Chapter 417, RSMo)

The undersigned is doing business under the following name, and at the following address:

Business Name to be registered: St. Louis Skylights
 Missouri Business Address: 250 Fox Haven Dr.
 City, State & Zip Code: O'Fallon, Missouri 63366

The parties having an interest in the business, and the percentage they own are (If a business entity is owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are jointly and severally liable, percentage of ownership need not be listed.):

Name of Owners, Individual or Business Entity	Street and Number	City	State and Zip Code	If Listed, Percentage of ownership must equal 100%
Eigel Enterprises, LLC	250 Fox Haven Dr.	O'Fallon	Missouri 63366	100%

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:
(The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.060 RSMo.)

 William Eigel 2 Jan 07
 Authorized Signature Printed Name Date

In 2011, Eigel Re-Registered St. Louis Skylights As A Fictitious Name – This Time Operating Under National Skylight Solutions LLC. (Missouri Secretary Of State, National Skylight Solutions-Registration Of Fictitious Name, Filed 9/6/11)



State of Missouri
Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State

Corporations Division
P.O. Box 1366
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

File Number: 201124980234
X00786522
Date Filed: 09/06/2011
Expiration Date: 01/03/2017
Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State

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Please check one box:

New Registration Renewal X00786522 Amendment Correction

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(PO Box may only be used in addition to a physical street address)
City, State and Zip Code: O'fallon MO 63366

Owner Information:

If a business entity is an owner, indicate business name and percentage owned. If all parties are jointly and severally liable, percentage of ownership need not be listed. Please attach a separate page for more than three owners. The parties having an interest in the business, and the percentage they own are:

Name of Owners, Individual or Business Entity	Charter # Required If Business Entity	Street and Number, City and State, Zip Code	If listed, Percentage of ownership must equal 100%
National Skylight Solutions, LLC	LC1022570	634 Trade Center Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63005	100%

All owners must affirm by signing below

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:

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Electronically Signed By: William Charles Eigel William Charles Eigel 09/06/2011
Authorized Signature Printed Name Date

Eigel Organized Eigel Enterprises LLC In 2006, And He Organized National Skylight Solutions LLC In 2009

In 2006, Eigel Organized Eigel Enterprises LLC In Missouri. (Missouri Secretary Of State's Office, Eigel Enterprises LLC-Articles Of Organization, Filed 12/5/06)

Articles of Organization

- 1) The name of the limited liability company is:** Eigel Enterprises, LLC.
- 2) The purposes for which the limited liability company is organized:** To transact any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Missouri Limited Liability Company Act and exercise all rights and engage in all activities related thereto.
- 3) The name and address of the limited liability company's registered agent in Missouri is:**
William Eigel
250 Fox Haven Drive
O'Fallon, MO 63368.
- 4) Is the management of the limited liability company vested in one or more managers?** The management of the limited liability company is vested in members.
_____ Yes X No
- 5) The date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve, if any:** The Company's existence shall be perpetual.
- 6) Upon the withdrawal of any member, the remaining members(s) have the following right(s) (if any) to continue the business and affairs of the limited liability company:**
Upon written determination of all the members, the business and affairs of the limited liability company shall continue.
- 7) The name and address of each organizer:**
Douglas S. Teasdale
1001 Washington Avenue, Ste. 360
St. Louis, MO 63101.

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true:

By: Douglas S. Teasdale
Douglas S. Teasdale, Organizer

State of Missouri

In 2009, Eigel Organized National Skylight Solutions LLC In Missouri. (Missouri Secretary Of State's Office, National Skylight Solutions LLC-Articles Of Organization, Filed 12/30/09)



State of Missouri
Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State

File Number: 200936490374
 LC1022570
 Date Filed: 12/30/2009
 Robin Carnahan
 Secretary of State

Articles of Organization

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National Skylight Solutions, LLC
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The transaction of any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Missouri Limited Liability Company Act, Chapter 347 RSMo.
- The name and address of the limited liability company's registered agent in Missouri is:

<u>William Charles Eigel</u>	<u>250 Fox Haven Dr, OFallon MO 63368</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Address</small>
- The management of the limited liability company is: Manager Member
- The duration (period of existence) for this limited liability company is:
Perpetual
- The name(s) and street address(es) of each organizer:
William Charles Eigel, 250 Fox Haven Dr., OFallon MO 63368

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct:
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William Charles Eigel
(Organizer Name)

FLAGGED CORPORATE PARTNER

During Eigel's Time As The Manager, President, Chairman And Owner Of St. Louis Skylights/National Skylight Solutions, The Business Touted Its Use Of Products Made By Velux, A Denmark-Based Light Manufacturer

A 2007 Screen Cap From The St. Louis Skylights Website Listed Velux As 1 Of 3 Light Manufacturers Used By The Company. (St. Louis Skylights Website, [Main Page](#), Time Stamped 2/27/07; Accessed Via Archive.org)

Links to manufacturers that we use:

- Solatube
- Velux-America
- Westview Products

Two Screen Caps From The 2010 Version Of The St. Louis Skylights Website Noted That The Business Was A "Velux 5 Star Skylight Specialist." (St. Louis Skylights Website, ["Story" Page](#), Time Stamped 9/25/10; Accessed Via Archive.org)

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- [My Skylight Leaks](#)
- [My Skylight Lets in Too Much Heat](#)
- My Home Has Rooms That Are Too Dark...
 - [Family Room, Kitchen, or Bedroom](#)
 - [Bathroom, Stairwell, Hallway, Closet, or Laundry Room](#)

VELUX Exclusive 15 Year Installation Guarantee



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• No Leak Promise • No Worries

A 2015 Screen Cap From The National Skylight Solutions Website Listed Velux As 1 Of 2 Light Manufacturers Used By The Company. (National Skylight Solutions Website, [Main Page](#), Time Stamped 2/19/15; Accessed Via Archive.org)

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About the VELUX Group



The VELUX Group creates better living environments with daylight and fresh air through the roof for life, work and play. The VELUX product programme contains a wide range of roof windows and skylights, along with solutions for flat roofs. The Group also supplies many types of decoration and sun screening, roller shutters, installation products, products for remote control and thermal solar panels for installation in roofs.

The VELUX Group, which has manufacturing companies in 11 countries and sales companies in almost 40 countries, represents one of the strongest brands in the global building materials sector and its products are sold in most parts of the world.

The VELUX Group has about 10,000 employees and is owned by VKR Holding A/S, a limited company wholly owned by foundations and family. The VELUX Group head office is in Hørsholm, north of Copenhagen. For more details, visit www.velux.com.





Case: Safety excellence in VELUX China



After the 2013 safety audit by the safety authorities in Langfang City, VELUX China was ranked among the most advanced in safety excellence in the Hebei province.

"We have come a long way with the safety work at VELUX China since we started some years ago. Most of our 300 employees at the factory have been trained and the safety organisation is in place, with involvement of managers and employees in the on-going dialogue about safety," says General Manager Jan Engberg of VELUX China.

Attention to safety in the workplace is growing in China, and the local authorities monitor the safety performance through regular audits.

"At their latest visit, the safety auditors of Langfang City ranked our safety performance top in the province of Hebei. They were particularly impressed by our safety culture and our safety excellence programme," says Bo Ruibing, who is Safety, Health & Environment Coordinator and in charge of the OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 systems at VELUX China.

Safety walks have been a highly effective tool in the work to strengthen the safety culture. During 2013, the management of VELUX China carried out 258 safety walks, spent a total of 130 hours on safety walks, talked with at least 220 employees and observed 187 cases of unsafe behaviour that led to preventive measures.

While Eigel Profited From His Business' Installation Of Velux Products, The Multinational Corporation Pursued A Woke Agenda

In 2015, Velux's Website Included A Page On Its "Commitment To The Climate," Namely Cutting Carbon Emissions. (Velux Website, "[Our Views](#)" Page, Time Stamped, 12/7/15; Accessed Via Archive.org)

The VELUX Group commitment to the climate

The VELUX Group, a globally leading manufacturer of roof windows, is committed to safeguard the planet and works systematically to limit the negative impact on the environment and the world's resources. Addressing climate change is part of this commitment and by developing sustainable building solutions the VELUX Group contributes to a more climate friendly future.

In the VELUX Group, we have set an ambitious goal to cut our CO2 emission by 50% in 2020 compared to the 2007 level across the entire company, including production facilities and offices. We are already far ahead of our own goals, in 2014 we managed to cut CO2 emissions by 29%. Currently, we are reducing our carbon footprint 15% more than required by the EU making us 9 years ahead of the EU emission reductions.

The VELUX Group and COP21

The UN climate summit, COP21, in Paris is coming up, starting on 30 November 2015. The VELUX Group strongly supports an ambitious globally binding agreement to ensure the world stays at a 2-degree course. The solutions are here now, we can build sustainable, healthy and affordable buildings.

Meet us at COP21

We are engaged in several COP21 side-events and conferences at Grand Palais and Le Bourget. Meet us at the Danish pavilion hosted by State of Green, a public-private partnership between the Danish Government and industry and on Twitter @VELUX

In 2013, Velux Published A Corporate Responsibility Report That Touted Its “Diversity In Management,” Including Targets For Female Board Representation. (Velux, 2013 Corporate Responsibility Report, Accessed 1/12/24)



Diversity in management

The VELUX A/S Board of Directors has set up policy and targets for the number of women on the Board. Moreover, we have policies, processes and tools to increase the number of women in management positions.

At the beginning of 2013, the percentage of women elected for the Board was 20 per cent. However, in 2013 three employee representatives were elected for the Board and, since all three were men, the female representation is now 12.5 per cent.

The target is to increase the representation of women on the Board of Directors over the next three years, always founded on the principle of suitability and qualifications of the candidates.

In 2013, 16 per cent of our senior managers were female. We recognise that women are underrepresented at senior level in the company. When recruiting new managers, internal as well as external recruiters are requested to present both male and female candidates.

In our internal talent and graduate programme, we aim for an even gender participation. In 2012, 33 per cent of the recruited LUMOS graduates were female.

FRAUD LAWSUIT

In 2019, The Bi-State Development Agency Sued Eigel Enterprises/St. Louis Skylights For Fraud, Unjust Enrichment And Breach Of Contract For Failing To Return A \$42,500 Deposit For A Scuttled 2013 Skylight Project

In July 2019, Bi-State Sued Eigel Enterprises/St. Louis Skylights For Failing To Return A \$42,500 Deposit For A Scuttled 2013 Skylight Project. (St. Louis County Circuit Court, Case 19SL-CC03030, Petition, Filed 7/24/19)

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

5. On May 15, 2013, Bi-State accepted and executed a contract with Eigel Enterprises d/b/a St. Louis Skylights titled “Skylight Installation Proposal” that called for Eigel Enterprises to provide and install skylights at Plaintiff’s facility located at or near 565 DeBaliviere Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri in exchange for valuable consideration to Eigel Enterprises (hereinafter, “the contract”). (See the contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1.)
6. The contract required that “structural integrity of the roof must be verified prior to project initiation.” (See the contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1.)
7. The contract stated, “50% Deposit required at time of order. Balance due upon completion.” (See the contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1.)
8. On May 15, 2013 Bi-State issued its check in the amount of \$42,500 to Eigel Enterprises as its 50% deposit.
9. Upon further inspection, it was determined that the structural integrity of the roof was inadequate to accommodate the installation of skylights that was the subject of the contract and, as a result, the contract was rescinded with the agreement of both parties.
10. Eigel Enterprises has not, and will not, perform the work or supply the materials that are described within the contract.

11. To date, Eigel Enterprises has failed to return the \$42,500 deposit, or any portion thereof, to Bi-State despite Plaintiff's requests.

Bi-State Sued Eigel Enterprises/St. Louis Skylights For Fraud, Unjust Enrichment, Breach Of Contract, Conversion And Constructive Trust. (St. Louis County Circuit Court, Case 19SL-CC03030, Petition, Filed 7/24/19)

COUNT I - FRAUD

12. Plaintiff restates and reasserts, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 11.
13. By the contract, Eigel Enterprises, by and through its members, employees, agents and/or representatives, made a representation to Bi-State that Bi-State's \$42,500 payment to Eigel Enterprises would be treated as a deposit subject to verification that the structural integrity of the roof would be verified prior to project initiation (hereinafter, "the representation").
14. After it was later determined that the structural integrity of the roof was inadequate to accommodate the installation of skylights, Bi-State asked Eigel Enterprises to return Bi-State's \$42,500 deposit. On September 2, 2014 Bi-State first learned that Eigel Enterprises did not intend to fully return the \$42,500 deposit when Jeff Culbertson of Eigel Enterprises sent an email to Bi-State recommending that Eigel Enterprises retain \$30,000 of the \$42,500 deposit.
15. The representation was material in that Bi-State would not have issued the \$42,500 payment had it known Eigel Enterprises would not treat the \$42,500 payment as a deposit.
16. Eigel Enterprises, by and through its members, employees, agents and/or representatives, knew the representation was false or was willfully ignorant of the truth of the representation.
17. Eigel Enterprises intended that Bi-State act upon the representation in a manner reasonably contemplated by Bi-State issuing its \$42,500 check to Eigel Enterprises.

18. Bi-State was ignorant of the falsity of the representation when it issued its \$42,500 check to Eigel Enterprises.
19. Bi-State relied upon the truth of the representation when it issued its \$42,500 check to Eigel Enterprises.
20. Bi-State had a right to rely upon the representation.
21. Bi-State has been damaged, proximately caused by its reliance upon the representation, by the loss of its \$42,500 deposit, lost interest since the time of Bi-State's \$42,500 payment, and attorneys' fees.
22. Eigel Enterprises, by and through its members, employees, agents and/or representatives, engaged in outrageous conduct and acted with a willful, wanton, or maliciously culpable mental state justifying an award of punitive damages.

COUNT II – UNJUST ENRICHMENT

23. Plaintiff restates and reasserts, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 22.
24. Eigel Enterprises was enriched by receiving Bi-States' \$42,500 deposit without Eigel Enterprises providing the work and materials described within the contract.
25. Said enrichment to Eigel Enterprises was at the expense of Bi-State.
26. It would be unjust to allow Eigel Enterprises to retain the \$42,500 deposit without providing the work and materials described within the contract.

COUNT III – BREACH OF CONTRACT

27. Plaintiff restates and reasserts, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 26.
28. Inherent to the contract was that Bi-State's \$42,500 payment was a deposit subject to verification of the structural integrity of the roof.
29. Bi-State made demands for the return of its deposit but has not received the returned deposit or any portion thereof.
30. Bi-State has been damaged as a result of Eigel Enterprises' breach by the failure of Eigel Enterprise to return the \$42,500 deposit to Bi-State.

COUNT IV - CONVERSION

31. Plaintiff restates and reasserts, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 30.
32. Bi-State is the owner of the \$42,500 deposit and is entitled to its possession.
33. Eigel Enterprises took possession of the Bi-State's \$42,500 with the intent to exercise control over it.
34. Eigel Enterprises thereby deprived, and continues to deprive, Bi-State of the right to Bi-State's possession of the \$42,500 deposit.

COUNT V – CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST

35. Plaintiff restates and reasserts, as if fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 34.
36. A confidential relationship existed between Bi-State and Eigel Enterprises because Bi-State relied upon and trusted Eigel Enterprises with the management of Bi-State's \$42,500 deposit, thereby creating a fiduciary obligation.
37. In issuing its \$42,500 check to Eigel Enterprises, Bi-State relied upon the representation made by Eigel Enterprises.
38. Eigel Enterprises held the \$42,500 deposit as a constructive trust for Bi-State.
39. To permit Eigel Enterprises to retain the \$42,500 deposit will tend to induce fraud and will be against public policy.

In 2020, Bi-State Voluntarily Dismissed The Lawsuit With Prejudice

In January 2020, Bi-State Voluntarily Dismissed The Lawsuit With Prejudice. It Is Unclear If The Parties Reached A Settlement. (St. Louis County Circuit Court, Case 19SL-CC03030, Voluntary Dismissal With Prejudice, Filed 1/28/20)

VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

COMES NOW Plaintiff The Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby dismisses with prejudice its cause of action against Defendant Eigel Enterprises, LLC d/b/a St. Louis Skylights. Each party shall bear their own costs.

TAX ISSUES

In 2012, The State Of Missouri Filed An \$856.08 Tax Lien Against Eigel Enterprises LLC; The Business Satisfied The Lien A Couple Months Later

In May 2012, The State Of Missouri Filed An \$856.08 Tax Lien Against Eigel Enterprises LLC For Unpaid Sales Taxes Dating Back To 2011. (Missouri Department Of Revenue, Lien 201207305000264, Filed 5/25/12)

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAXATION DIVISION P.O. BOX 1646 JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65105-1646	FORM R701 <small>(Rev. 09-07)</small>	Date MAY 25, 2012																
	MO Tax ID Number 19702957																	
CERTIFICATE OF TAX LIEN																		
19702957 RECORDER OF DEEDS ST LOUIS COUNTY ADMIN BLDG 41 S CENTRAL CLAYTON MO 63105	Lien Number: 201207305000264 SSN or FEIN: 208040660 Effective Date: 03/17/2012 Case Number: PHONE (573) 751-7200 FAX (573) 522-1160 EMAIL - sales@taxnotice@dor.mo.gov																	
<p>The Director of Revenue under Sections 144.380 and 144.690, RSMo, hereby certifies that the following assessment of sales and/or use tax, interest, additions to tax, penalties, and fees have been made and become final. Interest continues to accrue as provided by law until the full amount of the tax liability is paid.</p> <p>Name of Debtor: EIGEL ENTERPRISES LLC 634 TRADE CENT CHESTERFIELD MO 63005</p> <p>County Location: 189 ST LOUIS COUNTY</p> <p>Taxable Period: JUL 01-SEP 30, 2011</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Total Tax Due</td><td style="text-align: right;">190.79</td></tr> <tr><td>Additions to Tax</td><td style="text-align: right;">632.48</td></tr> <tr><td>Interest</td><td style="text-align: right;">28.31</td></tr> <tr><td>Penalty</td><td style="text-align: right;">.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Bad Check Penalty</td><td style="text-align: right;">.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Quarter Monthly Penalty</td><td style="text-align: right;">.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Lien Filing Fees</td><td style="text-align: right;">4.50</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Amount Due</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 856.08</td></tr> </table> <p>Under Sections 144.380 and 144.690, RSMo, the certificate of lien filed with the Recorder of Deeds shall be a lien against all real and personal property of the debtor(s) listed above and all real and personal property acquired by manner after the filing of this lien. Under Chapters 144.380 and 144.690, RSMo, the certificate of lien filed with the circuit clerk of the circuit court shall have the full force and effect of a default judgment upon entry in the record of the circuit court and execution shall issue at the request of the Director of Revenue or his agent as provided in the case of all other judgments.</p> <p>Director of Revenue By: </p>			Total Tax Due	190.79	Additions to Tax	632.48	Interest	28.31	Penalty	.00	Bad Check Penalty	.00	Quarter Monthly Penalty	.00	Lien Filing Fees	4.50	Total Amount Due	\$ 856.08
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In July 2012, Eigel Enterprises LLC Satisfied The State Tax Lien. (Missouri Department Of Revenue, Certificate Of Tax Lien Release, Lien 201207305000264, Filed 7/27/12)

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAXATION DIVISION P.O. BOX 1646 JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65105-1646	FORM R702 <small>(Rev. 09-07)</small>	Date JULY 27, 2012
	MO Tax ID Number 19702957	
CERTIFICATE OF TAX LIEN DISCHARGE		
00469 RECORDER OF DEEDS ST LOUIS COUNTY ADMIN BLDG 41 S CENTRAL CLAYTON MO 63105	Lien Number: 201207305000264 SSN or FEIN: XXX-XX-0660 Recorder's Number: 203960 PHONE (573) 751-7200 FAX (573) 522-1160 EMAIL - sales@taxnotice@dor.mo.gov	20011-93
<p>The Director of Revenue, State of Missouri, hereby discharges in full the lien previously placed in accordance with Chapters 144, 66, 67, 70, 92, 94, 162, 190, 238, 321 and 644, RSMo, for sales tax, fees, additions to tax/penalty and interest in the amount set forth below:</p> <p>Name of Debtor: EIGEL ENTERPRISES LLC 634 TRADE CENTER BLVD CHESTERFIELD MO 63005-1227</p> <p>County Location: 189 ST LOUIS COUNT</p> <p>Total Amount Due: \$ 856.08</p> <p>Taxable Period(s): JUL 01-SEP 30, 2011</p> <p>Director of Revenue By: </p>		

In St. Louis County, Eigel Enterprises/St. Louis Skylights Was Penalized For Making Three Delinquent Personal Property Tax Payments

Eigel Enterprises/St. Louis Skylights Was Penalized For Making Delinquent Personal Property Tax Payments In St. Louis County In 2014, 2015 And 2016. Some Taxes Went Unpaid For Years. (St. Louis County Collector Of Revenue, Personal Property Tax Database, Accessed 1/12/24)

Tax Year:	2014 ▾
Account Number:	B00184949
Account Status:	Active
Name:	Stl Skylights
Doing Business As:	Stl Skylights
Taxing Address:	634 Trade Center Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63005
School Sub Code:	110ID
City Code:	105
Site Code:	0349
Total Assessed Value:	30,120
Tax Rate:	8.4103
Personal Property Declaration:	2014 declaration has been received.

Personal Property Tax Paid: **B00184949**

Tax Year	Tax	Interest	Penalties	Other Charges	Total Tax	Amount Paid	Date Paid
2014	\$2,533.19	\$61.11	\$4.13	\$5.00	\$2,603.43	\$2,603.43	3/16/2017

Tax Year:	2015 ▾
Account Number:	B00184949
Account Status:	Active
Name:	Eigel Enterprises Llc
Doing Business As:	Stl Skylights
Taxing Address:	634 Trade Center Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63005
School Sub Code:	110ID
City Code:	105
Site Code:	0349
Total Assessed Value:	30,350
Tax Rate:	8.2271
Personal Property Declaration:	2015 declaration has been received.

Personal Property Tax Paid: **B00184949**

Tax Year	Tax	Interest	Penalties	Other Charges	Total Tax	Amount Paid	Date Paid
2015	\$2,496.95	\$33.17	\$3.43	\$5.00	\$2,538.55	\$2,538.55	3/16/2017

Tax Year:	2016 ▾
Account Number:	B00184949
Account Status:	Active
Name:	Eigel Enterprises Llc
Doing Business As:	Stl Skylights
Taxing Address:	634 Trade Center Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63005
School Sub Code:	110ID
City Code:	105
Site Code:	0349
Total Assessed Value:	38,550
Tax Rate:	8.3023
Personal Property Declaration:	2016 declaration has been received.

Personal Property Tax Paid: **B00184949**

Tax Year	Tax	Interest	Penalties	Other Charges	Total Tax	Amount Paid	Date Paid
2016	\$3,200.56	\$8.12	\$2.87	\$5.00	\$3,216.55	\$3,216.55	3/16/2017

TAXPAYER-SUBSIDIZED LOAN & SUBSEQUENT SALE

In 2016, National Skylight Solutions LLC Received A \$2.6 Million SBA Loan Designated For Businesses That Could Not Obtain Private Financing

In February 2016, National Skylight Solutions LLC Received A \$2.6 Million SBA Loan "To Aid Small Businesses Which Are Unable To Obtain Financing In The Private Credit Marketplace." (USSpending.gov, [National Skylight Solutions-Loan](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Guaranteed/Insured Loan ⓘ FAIN 8264495009

Unlinked Award

Awarding Agency

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Recipient

NATIONAL SKYLIGHT SOLUTIONS LLC

TRADE CENTER BLVD.
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005-0000
UNITED STATES

Congressional District: MO-02 ⓘ

Assistance Listings (CFDA Programs) ⓘ

59.012 - 7(A) LOAN GUARANTEES
[VIEW MORE INFO ABOUT THIS PROGRAM](#)

Dates ⓘ

● Start Date

● End Date

not provided

not provided

\$ Award Amounts



Description



TO AID SMALL BUSINESSES WHICH ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN FINANCING IN THE PRIVATE CREDIT MARKETPLACE

\$2.6 Million
Face Value of Direct Loan

● Original Subsidy Cost	\$0.00
● Face Value of Direct Loan	\$2,560,000.00


Transaction History 1

Federal Account Funding 0

Transaction Number	CFDA Number	Action Date	Loan Face Value	Loan Subsidy Cost (Total Obligations To Date)	Action Type	Transaction Description
	59.012	02/24/2016	\$2,560,000	\$0	A: NEW	TO AID SMALL BUSINESSES WHICH ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN FINANC...

Eigel Sold National Skylight Solutions Two Months After The Business Received The \$2.6 Million SBA Loan

According To Eigel's LinkedIn Profile, He Left National Skylight Solutions In January 2017. (Bill Eigel, [LinkedIn Profile](#), Accessed 12/1/23)



National Skylight Solutions
9 yrs 1 mo

- **Chairman/Owner**
Aug 2014 - Jan 2017 · 2 yrs 6 mos
- **President**
2008 - Jul 2014 · 6 yrs 7 mos

* Leads 18 employees in 2 states (MO and IL) in the primary business of residential and commercial skylight installation and service....

However, An April 2016 Post On The St. Louis Skylights Website Stated That Eigel Relinquished Ownership Of The Business Effective April 1, 2016. (St. Louis Skylights Website, [New Ownership Announcement](#), 4/29/16)

Effective April 1st St. Louis Skylights is under new ownership! Jeff and Sheila Culbertson are the brand new owners of St. Louis Skylights. They are replacing previous owner and United States Veteran, Bill Eigel. Jeff is and was the reigning president of the company and Sheila is and was the commercial estimator and wife of Jeff Culbertson.

- In January 2024, The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Reported That Eigel “Sold” The Business. “He left the service in 2007 and bought a home remodeling business, settling into St. Charles County. He has since sold that company and says, except for a small, mostly passive real estate business, he and his wife live on the \$36,000 he earns as a senator.” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/31/24)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Former Libertarian Voter In Louisiana

In 2000, Eigel Registered To Vote As A Libertarian While He Was Stationed In Louisiana During His Time In The Air Force. (Lexis-Nexis, Voter Registration Database, Accessed 1/22/24)

7: Louisiana Voter Registration	
Registrant Information	
Name:	EIGEL, WILLIAM CHARLES
Residential Address:	4650 LAKESHORE DR APT 14 SHREVEPORT, LA 71109-2933 CADD0 COUNTY
Home Phone:	(318) 631-8661
SSN:	301-80-XXXX
Date of Birth:	11/1977
Gender:	Male
Race:	WHITE
Voter Information	
Registration Date:	8/31/2000
Party Affiliation:	LIBERTARIAN

- *NOTE: Eigel has consistently voted in statewide and local elections in Missouri.* (St. Charles County Election Authority, Voting History-Bill Eigel, Accessed 12/4/23)

COURT CASES

Civil Cases

NOTE: A multi-state check of courts produced nothing of note on Eigel in his individual capacity.

Traffic & Criminal Cases

NOTE: Multi-state background checks produced nothing of note on Eigel. Police checks in Jefferson City and St. Charles County are pending.

POLITICAL & IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES

NOTABLE PUBLIC FIGURES & CONSTITUENCIES

Former President Donald Trump

ENDORSED TED CRUZ OVER TRUMP IN 2016

During The 2016 GOP Presidential Primary, Eigel Endorsed Cruz Over Trump

In March 2016, Eigel Was Selected To Serve On The State Leadership Team For Cruz's Presidential Campaign. "Today, the Cruz for President campaign announced its expanded Missouri state leadership team adding to its list of elected officials, community leaders, pastors, and conservative influencers. ... Additions to Ted Cruz Missouri state level leadership team: ... Eigel, St. Charles County - State Leadership Team." (Cruz For President, [Press Release](#), 3/14/16)

FLAGGED STATEMENTS

In 2016, Eigel Said Trump Was Not His First (Cruz), Second (Rubio) Or Possibly Third Choice (Walker) For President

AUDIO: In August 2016, Eigel Said Trump Was Not His First, Second Or Possibly Third Choice For President. However, He Said He Supported Trump Over Democrat Hillary Clinton. Eigel: "When I think of the presidential race, you know Donald Trump wasn't my first choice. And, I'll be honest that he wasn't my second choice either." Q: "Who were your first and second choices?" Eigel: "My first choice was Ted Cruz, and my second choice was Marco Rubio. Although I have a special affinity for Scott Walker, too, although he left the race very early. Now, that being said, we cannot in any way shape or form have Hillary Clinton as the president of the United States. ... It will essentially be a Barack Obama third term. We can't have that. So, for me, I'm voting for Donald Trump in November." Q: "Enthusiastically?" Eigel: [Laughs] "Ab...Absolutely. ... I am an enthusiastic supporter of our nominee." ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 8/15/16; 33:00 Mark)

In 2020, Eigel Said Trump Was Having Problems With Suburban Voters, Because He Was "Overly Candid" And "A Little Abrasive"

AUDIO: In October 2020, Eigel Said Trump Was Having Problems With Suburban Voters, Because He Was "Overly Candid" And "A Little Abrasive." Eigel: "The problems he's [Trump] having in St. Louis County are reflective of the same problems that he's having in many of the suburbs across the country. Donald Trump is a very candid, very straight shooting - sometimes overly candid - candidate that does, on one hand, a fantastic job articulating and executing a plan for a strong America. But on the other hand, [he] has a tendency to be a little abrasive from time to time that causes him to struggle in some of these suburbs." ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 10/13/20; 27:00 Mark)

In 2022, Eigel Said When He Thought Of A Leader, He Thought Of Trump Rival Ron DeSantis

VIDEO: In May 2022, Eigel Said When He Thought Of A Leader, He Thought Of DeSantis. Eigel: "When I think of a leader, you've already heard me say it, I think of Ron DeSantis. That guy doesn't take any guff from anybody." (Grace Church's YouTube Channel, Guest Speaker-Bill Eigel, 5/26/22; [1:41:30 Mark](#))

In 2023, Eigel Claimed He Had Backed Trump Since "Day One," Despite His 2016 Endorsement Of Ted Cruz And Saying Trump Was Not His First, Second Or Possibly Third Choice For President

In November 2023, Eigel Claimed, "I Have Been With President Trump Since Day One..." (Bill Eigel, Twitter Feed, Posted 11/14/23)



William Eigel ✓
@BillEigel



🇺🇸 Eigel Endorses Trump 2024 🇺🇸

I have been with President Trump since day one, and I am the first and ONLY Missouri gubernatorial candidate to endorse President Trump's 2024 re-election.

From the article: "I fully endorse President Donald J. Trump's re-election in 2024... When I'm governor, I look forward to draining the swamp in D.C. and Jefferson City alongside President Trump." [newsmax.com/newsfront/miss...](#)

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In December 2023, Eigel Again Claimed He Had Been With Trump Since "Day One." "I have been with President Trump since day one, and I am the first and ONLY Missouri gubernatorial candidate to endorse President Trump's 2024 re-election." (Bill Eigel's Campaign Website, [News Alert](#), 12/1/23)

CEASE-AND-DESIST LETTER

In 2023, Trump's Presidential Campaign Sent A Cease-And-Desist Letter To Eigel's Fundraisers Demanding An End To Their Fraudulent Use Of Trump's Name To Deceive Low-Income Donors Into Cutting Checks To Eigel's Gubernatorial Campaign

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nor his BILL PAC have anything to do with President Trump or his campaign. He knows it and Targeted Victory knows it,' Trump campaign lawyer David Warrington wrote this month to BILL PAC's treasurer and Targeted Victory's counsel. 'If you do not cease and desist this unauthorized use immediately, President Trump and his campaign will make sure everyone knows it,' the letter said. The letter from the Trump campaign comes at an inopportune time for the Weldon Spring Republican, who formally launched his campaign for governor last week. Any forceful rebuke of Eigel by Trump, who remains popular among Republicans, could serve to derail the state senator's campaign as it gets moving. ... The Trump campaign's letter continued that 'Eigel, his PAC, and Targeted Victory have been warned about this unauthorized use and asked to stop it. Yet it appears that you have chosen to ignore those warnings and requests.' ... 'You are deceiving donors of their hard-earned dollars by making false and deceptive statements implying that donations are going to support Trump and that by donating the donor would 'Stand with Trump,' the letter said. Warrington also threatened legal consequences, referencing two California men who were sentenced to a combined 17 years in prison for running a sham fundraising operation, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. 'In addition to the public opprobrium Eigel, BILL PAC, and Targeted Victory will undoubtedly suffer should you continue with this fraud when you are publicly denounced by President Trump and his campaign, each of you may be exposed to severe legal consequences,' Warrington said. He said the deceptive fundraising tactic 'tarnishes the Trump movement's reputation, harms the relationship between President Trump and his supporters, and exploits the good will and character of patriotic Americans whom you are manipulating out of money by lies and misdirection.' ... 'Your campaign has targeted thousands of people who are on a fixed income: people who are disabled and retired, for whom a donation of ten dollars is an important sacrifice and for whom your maneuver of tricking them into recurring donations imposes real hardship,' Warrington said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/13/23)

- Trump Lawyer David Warrington: "You Are Deceiving Donors Of Their Hard-Earned Dollars By Making False And Deceptive Statements Implying That Donations Are Going To Support Trump..." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/13/23)

Eigel Responded To The Cease-And-Desist Letter By Trying To Distance Himself From His PAC And Fundraisers And Reiterating His Support For Trump. "In a statement Tuesday, Eigel distanced himself from BILL PAC and Targeted Victory, saying he was 'confident that any miscommunication/issues between groups outside of my campaign will be resolved.' ... 'I'm a proud supporter of President Donald J. Trump's reelection in 2024 — he's the right man for the job,' Eigel told the *Post-Dispatch*." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/13/23)

In January 2024, The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Reported Eigel's Fundraisers Continued To Use Trump's Name To Raise Money. "Although the Trump campaign team has publicly opposed the use of its name to raise money for other candidates, the practice has not stopped. In the most recent public filing, Eigel's campaign reports show there are 65 individuals who gave at least 25 separate times between October and January. At least one contributor gave money more than 200 times during that period." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/31/24)

REMOVING PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN FROM THE BALLOT IN MISSOURI

In January 2024, Eigel Announced He Would File Legislation To Remove Biden From The Missouri Ballot. "...Eigel cites efforts in Maine, Colorado and other states to remove Trump from the ballot

under the Insurrection Clause of the U.S. Constitution as the reason he will file legislation attempting to keep Missouri voters from picking Biden as a candidate of their choosing. 'My legislation exposes the absolute absurdity of Colorado's and Maine's decisions to remove President Donald J. Trump from the ballot,' Eigel said in the release. 'If radical leftists continue to push lies and fairytales in an attempt to kick Trump off the ballot in their states, Republicans have no choice but to buck up and fight back — use the facts to remove Biden from the ballot before he destroys this country even further.' ... Eigel's argument Biden should be removed is the alleged 'aid and comfort' the president has 'given our enemies' due to his immigration policies. The release describes the current migrant crisis, which Biden is facing considerable scrutiny for even in his own party, as an 'invasion' and cites 8 million illegal crossings." ([KMOV](#), 1/6/24)

Sen. Josh Hawley

In July 2017, Eigel Tweeted His Support For Ex-State Legislator Paul Curtman For U.S. Senate While Hawley Was Strongly Considering His Own Bid For The Post

In July 2017, Eigel Tweeted His Support For Curtman For U.S. Senate. (Bill Eigel, Twitter, 7/6/17)



At The Time, Hawley Was Also Seriously Considering A U.S. Senate Campaign. "Just who that 'sold conservative' will be is yet to be known. Republican leaders, including Vice President Mike Pence and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, have spoken with state Attorney General Josh Hawley about the race, and he is expected to have the party's support if he seeks the GOP nomination. ... Two Republicans close to Hawley said they believe the 37-year-old attorney general is now leaning toward a run, viewing the public pressure from Republicans, allied groups and campaign donors as license to shrug off a commercial he used in his 2016 primary campaign that criticized ladder-climbing politicians. But Hawley is still considering his young family and possible judicial ambitions, rather than political ones." ([Morning Consult](#), 7/17/17)

Sen. Eric Schmitt

During Schmitt's Successful 2022 U.S. Senate Primary Campaign, Eigel Refused To Endorse A Candidate, But He Pushed Back Against Former President Donald Trump's Critical Comments Of Vicky Hartzler, Saying He Found Her To Be A "Very Compelling Candidate." "...Eigel, who has not endorsed anyone in the race, said he doesn't think Trump's comments doom Hartzler. He said she's hitting on issues that animate the GOP base, including national defense and transgender athletes. 'I think she's gonna be a very compelling candidate in the closing weeks,' Eigel said. ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 7/22/22)

Gov. Mike Parson

Eigel Endorsed Parson's 2020 Gubernatorial Campaign

In September 2019, Eigel Endorsed Parson's Gubernatorial Campaign. "Governor Parson received the endorsement of over 125 Missouri Republican officials including Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick, Attorney General Eric Schmitt, Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz, House Speaker Elijah Haahr and the following state senators and representatives: Sens. Mike Bernskoetter, Justin Brown, Eric Burlison. Mike Cierport, Sandy Crawford, Mike Cunningham, Bill Eigel, Ed Emery, Dan Hegeman, Denny Hoskins, Lincoln Hough, Andrew Koenig, Doug Libla, Tony Luetkemeyer, Cindy O'Laughlin, Bob Onder, Jeanie Riddle, Gary Romine, Caleb Rowden, David Sater, Wayne Wallingford, Bill White, and Paul Wieland." (Mike Parson's Gubernatorial Campaign, [Press Release](#), 9/1/19)

Later In September 2019, Eigel Called For Missouri Republicans To "Coalesce Around" Parson's Gubernatorial Bid. (Bill Eigel, Twitter, 9/9/19)



In The Years Since Eigel Endorsed Parson's 2020 Gubernatorial Campaign, He Has Launched Scathing Attacks On The Governor

VIDEO: In May 2022, Eigel Called Parson A "Horrible Steward Of The State Budget" And Claimed He Did Not "Understand The Proper Role Of Government And What Fiscal Conservatism Actually Means." Eigel: "I think that he [Parson] has been a horrible steward of the state budget. ...So I think that Mike doesn't understand the proper role of government and what fiscal conservatism actually means." (Grace Church's YouTube Channel, Guest Speaker-Bill Eigel, 5/26/22; [1:40:30 Mark](#))

In November 2023, Eigel Attacked Parson For Calling For More Civility In Politics. "The Republican candidate for governor who took a flamethrower to boxes representing 'leftist policies' is criticizing an ad cut by Missouri's GOP governor and Kansas' Democratic governor calling for more civility in politics. State Sen. Bill Eigel ... said on social media Parson was worried about 'being nice' at a time when 'Dems are destroying our cities, mutilating our kids, trampling our rights and defunding our police.' ... 'What a joke,' Eigel said. 'JC [Jefferson City] needs a reckoning.' 'This is why Republicans lose elections,' Eigel said. Parson, speaking to Kansas City radio host Pete Mundo, fired back at Eigel, who has long clashed with the governor's office. ... 'I don't know what in the world's wrong with being nice sometimes. I mean, I kind of grew up in that era,' said Parson, 68." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 11/16/23)

Disgraced Former Gov. Eric Greitens

Eigel Endorsed Greitens' 2016 Gubernatorial Campaign And Did Not Join In Calls For Him To Resign In 2018 Following Reports Of His Extramarital Affair

In August 2016, Eigel Endorsed Greitens For Governor. (Bill Eigel, Twitter, 8/27/16)



In January 2018, Eigel Did Not Call On Greitens To Resign Following Reports Of His Extramarital Affair, And He Planned To Keep Working With The Embattled Governor. "The [Greitens] affair and the allegations continue to draw backlash from lawmakers. Several of Greitens' Republican colleagues in the Legislature called on him to resign Tuesday. 'That kind of distraction and that type of scandal isn't helping us get out our message' on economic issues, said Eigel, who is not among those seeking his resignation. ... Fitzwater and other Republicans hoping to build on momentum from the passage of federal tax cuts last year now are pushing forward with their own tax proposals absent a plan from the governor. Eigel and Fitzwater both said they still plan on working with Greitens. They need his support, Eigel said, to enact a bill." ([The Associated Press](#), 1/17/18)

Ring Leader Of The "Chaos Caucus" In Jefferson City

In 2019, Eigel And His Colleagues In The Conservative Caucus/"Chaos Caucus" Threatened To Block Top Republican Priorities, Including Charter School And Job Creation Legislation

In January 2019, Eigel Helped Form The Conservative Caucus To Push Legislation Related To Abortion, Gun Rights And Smaller Government. He Later Added Gambling Expansion To The List. "The caucus was formed in January as a subset of the 24-member Republican supermajority in the Senate. At the time, they said their priorities included abortion, gun rights and smaller government. Eigel said the caucus' support of expanded gambling was meant to address a rise in illegal slot machines in the state. 'If a compromise could be reached that addresses this as part of a small expansion that stays within constitutional bounds, I'm interested,' he said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 4/25/19)

In April 2019, Eigel Threatened To Block Top Parson Administration Priorities, Including Charter School And Job Creation Legislation, In The Final Weeks Of The Legislative Session. "The leader of a bloc of conservative Missouri senators is threatening to sink at least four major initiatives sought by Gov. Mike Parson, a Republican, as the Legislature heads into its final weeks. According to an email

obtained by the *Post-Dispatch*, Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, wants the 6-member Conservative Caucus to use its ability to stall action in the GOP-controlled upper chamber to leverage votes on an internet sales tax collection bill, a charter school expansion proposal and legislation that would allow slot machines in bars, gas stations and fraternal organizations. In the email, Eigel expresses frustration that his group's priorities aren't being debated after the members allowed a transportation funding plan backed by the governor to move forward. 'We pushed chamber anxiety to a high level and then left the battlefield at the height of the stress allowing a couple ... priorities to pass,' Eigel said. 'Now comes time for the Republican Caucus to reciprocate — and yet, stunningly, they may have other ideas in mind!' 'Despite our assurance we'd be getting to our stuff and warnings that failure to do so this week would cause trouble, here we are,' the April 14 email notes. Eigel told the *Post-Dispatch* Wednesday that he remained hopeful the situation would turn in his favor. ... Eigel also suggested the caucus would block Parson's job-creation programs, including an adult college scholarship proposal, a revamp of the Department of Economic Development and two bills that he said would streamline the agency's ability to lure businesses to Missouri. Eigel called the latter 'slush funds.' ... In a list of recommendations, Eigel said, 'If our priorities don't see the finish line this week, the chamber should be stalled until that occurs.' 'It has always been my No. 1 fear that when the time came that we would be willing to negotiate and we would want to cash in on 'goodwill,' nothing would happen,' he noted.'" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 4/25/19)

In April 2019, Sen. Mike Cierpiot Nicknamed The Eigel-Led Caucus The "Chaos Caucus." "The kerfuffle among some Senate Republicans following Sen. Mike Cierpiot's public criticisms of the so-called Conservative Caucus continued Tuesday afternoon from the floor. For the second day in the row, the bickering between Cierpiot and the Conservative Caucus continued in a public forum, with Republican Sen. Bill Eigel castigating his colleague for not coming to the group of lawmakers privately with his concerns. 'When you stand up and make personal attacks in a ... speech you've clearly been planning for some time, it's very difficult to believe that you're interested in a relationship with this chamber when you cavalierly call your colleagues names,' Eigel said. 'All this comes back to your objection of words certain senators are using to describe themselves and not you,' Eigel contended. Cierpiot shot back: 'I don't need a group to tell me I'm a conservative. I know I am. I was a conservative long before many in here knew what that word meant.' ... Cierpiot gave an impassioned soliloquy from the Senate floor Monday after decrying what he saw as 'inconsistencies' among the legislative priorities of the Conservative Caucus. He suggested the group of six lawmakers change its name to the 'Inconsistent Caucus' or even the 'Chaos Caucus.'" (The Missouri Times, 4/16/19)

In The First Few Months Of The 2022 Legislative Session, Eigel Had To Be Physically Separated From Another Republican, And He And His "Chaos Caucus" Colleagues Wasted Weeks Fighting With Fellow Republicans Over Congressional Maps

In February 2022, Eigel And Sen. Mike Cierpiot Had To Be Physically Separated After The Two Engaged In A Yelling Match During A Lunch Break. "...Cierpiot read prepared remarks about former Sen. Jim Lembke, a political consultant working to recruit candidates for open seats to enlarge the conservative caucus. Cierpiot called him the 'puppet master' of the conservative caucus filibuster over congressional redistricting. Cierpiot's words so enraged Sen. Bill Eigel that when the Senate broke for lunch a half-hour later, the two had to be physically separated. Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, encountered Cierpiot, R-Lee's Summit, in Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz's office, where members often are able to get a buffet-style meal in close proximity to the chamber. The 'heated, passionate yelling' described by one witness was enough to attract the attention of Senate security.

Schatz stepped in between the two and they exchanged only words. 'This place makes people excited, sometimes they have different opinions and no, I don't think it was anything particularly out of ordinary,' Cierpiot said. 'So we just traded some thoughts, and kind of ended it.' By Friday afternoon, Eigel had lowered his voice but his anger remained. The confrontation, he said, is nothing extraordinary. 'I think that we've seen, several times, tensions run high in that building and that's kind of just how the sausage is made,' he said." ([Missouri Independent](#), 2/12/22)

In March 2022, Senate President Dave Schatz Charged That Eigel And His Colleagues Engaged In A Protracted Battle Over Congressional Maps To Further Their Political Ambitions. Eigel Wanted A 7-1 Map, Not A Proposed 6-2 Map. "With the Missouri Senate entangled in a bitter fight over congressional redistricting, the chamber's top Republican on Friday blamed the impasse on the political ambitions of multiple senators. ... Schatz said GOP conservatives' talk of dividing the state's 8 congressional districts so that Republicans gain a '7-1' advantage is a 'fallacy' that isn't being discussed behind closed doors. Schatz said the conservative hard-liners would 'sit down' and 'shut up' if only they were presented with a '6-2' map that places St. Charles County entirely within one congressional district. Schatz said Friday that Sens. Bill Eigel and Bob Onder's hard line on keeping St. Charles County together is to aid a future congressional bid. 'It's obvious,' Schatz said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 3/5/22)

Later In March 2022, Weeks Of GOP Infighting Ended When A 6-2 Map Was Approved. "The Missouri Senate approved a congressional map on Thursday, March 24, ending weeks of Republican infighting over how far to go in drawing GOP-leaning districts for partisan advantage. The map - approved in a 22-10 vote - was the result of a compromise among Republicans, including between GOP leaders and some members of the Conservative Caucus, a hard-right group of 7 senators who had filibustered previous proposals. The district lines are expected to preserve the state's current mix of 6 Republican and 2 Democratic members. ... Republican senators described the final compromise as the result of painstaking work, including a midnight gathering of senators last night to hash out final differences ahead of the vote Thursday afternoon. The proposal that ultimately passed was offered on the Senate floor by Sen. Andrew Koenig, a Manchester Republican and Conservative Caucus member. The plan divided the Conservative Caucus. ... 'The Conservative Caucus, my fellow colleagues, we remain a bit disappointed that we couldn't deliver on a map that was a 7-1 map that we've been talking about for longer than the session,' said Sen. Bill Eigel. ... The Conservative Caucus made a final push at a more aggressive map Thursday morning." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 3/24/22)

In March 2022, Twelve Republican Senators Blasted Eigel And His "Chaos Caucus" For Blocking Legislation To Help New Mothers And Protect Victims Of Sexual Assault And Child Abuse

In March 2022, Twelve Republican Senators Blasted Eigel And His Allies For Blocking Legislation To Help New Mothers And Protect Victims Of Sexual Assault And Child Abuse. "A bipartisan majority of Missouri state senators sharply criticized the Conservative Caucus on Wednesday, accusing their colleagues of blocking legislation to serve their own interests. In a press conference outside their chamber, 12 Republicans and nine Democrats from the 34-member Senate spoke against the Conservative Caucus. 'We have sat by helpless as bipartisan legislation like helping new moms, guarding victims of sexual abuse and protecting children in cases of child abuse or neglect have been hijacked and purposefully tanked by a select few,' Sen. Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston, said. ... The press conference blasting the caucus came the day after Rehder's bill supporting sexual assault survivors' rights did not get a first-round vote because of an amendment from Sen. Rick Brattin, R-Harrisonville, a caucus member. Brattin's amendment would penalize schools that provide 'obscene material' to students. ...In speaking to Brattin on the Senate floor, Rehder asked him to

take back his amendment, saying if attached it would kill her bill. Brattin refused, and Rehder pulled the bill for now. ... In speaking on the Senate floor Wednesday, caucus member Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, condemned members for not taking further action on Brattin's amendment and for the press conference criticizing the caucus. 'Because everything that's taken place from last night to the show horsing press conference this morning was all done for drama,' Eigel said. The caucus has been accused of blocking other legislation by adding partisan amendments to largely bipartisan bills. Another example is a bill that would expand Medicaid coverage for new mothers in the state. ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 3/9/22)

- **Sen. Holly Rehder Called Eigel And His Allies "Self-Serving Politicians" After They Blocked Her Bill To Help Sexual Assault Victims.** "'Last night was the red-line for me.' Sen. Holly Thompson Rehder held a press conference this morning concerning an amendment that she considered a 'poison pill' that Sen. Rick Brattin attempted to be added to her SB 775 the Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights. She was flanked by 19 of her colleagues, 10 Republicans and nine Democrats, including Sen. Dan Hegeman, Caleb Rowden, John Rizzo, Doug Beck, Brian Williams, Tony Luetkemeyer, Justin Brown, Karla May, Barbara Washington, Angela Moseley, Lauren Arthur, Karla Eslinger, Jeanie Riddle, Mike Cierpiot, Jason Bean, Jill Schupp, Lincoln Hough, Greg Razer, and Elaine Gannon. ... Alongside Sens. Brattin, Bob Onder, Denny Hoskins, Mike Moon, and Bill Eigel were named specifically. 'Last night we witnessed a small group of self-serving politicians obstructing a non-controversial, and needed, piece of legislation yet again,' Thompson Rehder said. Hoskins took to the floor and began to address the chamber during the approval of the journal. He went through Thompson Rehder's bill line by line discussing the changes that it would make and making the case that it deserved to be challenged and reviewed. In an inquiry with Moon, he also made the case for Brattin's amendment to be added to the bill, as well as be passed on the floor alone. Although it's Brattin's amendment, Thompson Rehder asked Hoskins '...and the others to stop tweeting things that are petty and offensive to sexual assault victims and their families,' and for Moon to, 'put the books away and stop wasting taxpayer dollars by standing to read for hours at a time.'" ([The Missouri Times](#), 3/9/22)
- **Rehder: "Despite Constant Adversarial And Classless Actions, They [Eigel And His Colleagues] Seem Shocked And Appalled Daily That No One Is Rushing To Help Them With Their Legislation. All They Are After Is Political Stunts And Campaign Soundbites."** "'Despite constant adversarial and classless actions, they seem shocked and appalled daily that no one is rushing to help them with their legislation,' Rehder said. 'All they are after is political stunts and campaign soundbites. I'm not OK with that anymore. We are not OK with that anymore.'" ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 3/10/22)

In May 2022, Republican Senators Lashed Out At Eigel And His "Chaos Caucus" Over The Failure Of Priority Legislation To Preserve Pro-Life Laws, Ban Transgendered Student Athletes, Strengthen Parental Rights In Schools, And Provide Health Care Benefits For New Mothers

In May 2022, Republican Senators Said They Were "Fed Up" With The "Intimidation" And "Bullying" Of Eigel And His Colleagues Following The Failure Of Legislation To Preserve Pro-Life Laws, Ban Transgendered Student Athletes, And Strengthen Parental Rights In Schools. "Shortly after midnight Thursday in the final hours of the legislative session, months of simmering tensions and derailed debates boiled over on the floor of the Missouri Senate. Sen. Bob Onder, a hard-line Republican from Lake St. Louis, was trying to add language banning abortion providers from receiving Medicaid money to an unrelated health care bill, a controversial change that would have likely killed the bill. One by one, several Republicans aligned with Senate leadership excoriated

Onder and his 7-member Conservative Caucus, who had for the better part of the session ground the upper chamber to a halt through filibusters and personal animosity. 'Most of the people in this room are fed up. Everybody in here knows who we're fed up with,' Sen. Elaine Gannon, a De Soto Republican, said to the group, specifically Onder. ... Sen. Bill White, a Joplin Republican, chimed in, accusing the group of 'intimidation' and 'bullying.' ... The bitter infighting among Senate Republicans on the floor Thursday encapsulated a legislative session that had completely gone off the rails. ... Republicans in both chambers proposed a flurry of bills this year with conservative voters in mind. Among the goals were making it harder to change the state's constitution, bans on transgender student athletes, a push to increase parents' abilities to oversee their children's education and various other conservative-led proposals. In the end, nearly all of those measures failed. ... 'It's no secret that this place was ugly at times, was difficult to watch,' Senate Majority Leader Caleb Rowden, a Columbia Republican, told reporters after the chamber adjourned Thursday. 'Sometimes, there were days where I frankly went home embarrassed.' For most of the session, the Senate was led not by Rowden but by the group of senators called the Conservative Caucus. ... The story of this year's session was less about what the Missouri legislature accomplished and more about what it didn't. Conservative Caucus members failed to tack transgender-related legislation onto various bills. A so-called 'Parents' Bill of Rights' allowing parents to sue school districts never made it to the Senate floor after passing the House. And a Republican attempt to make it harder for voters to amend the state's constitution was killed amid fierce opposition from Democrats. In an interview with reporters Thursday, Onder and Eigel acknowledged the failure of many hard-line Republican policies this year. ... Eigel later rebuffed a question over whether his faction's filibuster tactics were related to personal vendettas instead of legitimate policies. 'There is a tendency to think that a lot of what is going on is personal, but this is about policy,' he said." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/16/22)

- **Senate Democrats Took Advantage Of The Republican Infighting And Chaos To Ensure That The Majority's Agenda Was Shut Down.** "Throughout the session, Senate Democrats were largely able to use the internal fissures in the GOP to their advantage. The group at times sat and watched as Republicans duked it out. They also aligned with one side over the other on bills they were in favor of or wanted to kill. House Democrats on Friday criticized GOP lawmakers for failing to legislate. But they also celebrated the fact that GOP infighting left many controversial bills unfinished. 'After two decades in power, these guys still have no clue how to govern,' said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat. 'On one hand, the majority party's inability to run the legislative branch is an absolute embarrassment.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/16/22)

Also In May 2022, Sen. Holly Rehder Lashed Out At Eigel For Blocking Health Care Legislation Over The Inclusion Of Benefits For New Moms. "Republican infighting in the Missouri Senate might have doomed the passage of a wide-ranging package of changes in state health care policy this year. With the clock ticking on the Legislature's annual session, Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, led efforts among a splinter faction of conservative Republicans to help derail the legislation, which once included the extension of health care benefits for new moms, as well as a needle exchange program. With a 6 p.m. Friday deadline looming and other business pressing on the Senate, the measure was put on hold Wednesday amid a filibuster by Eigel. It could return for further debate, but time is running short. The sponsor of the legislation, Sen. Holly Thompson Rehder, R-Sikeston, called Eigel and his hard-line faction 'disgruntled.' 'These guys can't deal with the fact that I don't let them push me around,' she said in a Facebook post during the filibuster. She later relented and removed the bill from consideration in order to allow other Senate business to continue. The measure designed to address the state's troubling maternal mortality rate had been part of a larger package of

health-related laws sought by a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers and groups. But opposition from conservative Republicans forced supporters to remove the provision from the legislation in order to save other pieces of the package. 'With the pushback on that, we had to remove it,' Rehder said. The idea had received bipartisan support, as well as backing from groups on both sides of the abortion spectrum." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/12/22)

In August 2022, Sen. Mike Cierpiot Charged That The Eigel-Led Caucus Was Motivated By "Facebook Clicks And Don't Care About Getting Things Done." "The caucus has been criticized by their colleagues over the past two years for taking things to social media, often drumming up public support for themselves in the process. 'They just want Facebook clicks and don't care about getting things done,' Sen. Mike Cierpiot, R-Jackson County, said on Mundo in the morning last week." ([The Missouri Times](#), 8/15/22)

During The 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Majority Leader Cindy O'Laughlin Blasted Eigel For Blocking The Passage Of Priority Legislation On Child Tax Credits, Foreign Ownership Of Farm Land, Sports Betting, Open School Enrollment, A State Takeover Of The St. Louis Police And Preserving Pro-Life Laws

In May 2023, O'Laughlin, A Former Eigel Ally, Blasted Him For Engaging In "Political Theater" And "Chaos" When His Filibustering Blocked The Passage Of Priority Legislation On Child Tax Credits, Foreign Ownership Of Farm Land, Sports Betting, Open School Enrollment, A State Takeover Of The St. Louis Police And Ballot Initiative Reforms Designed To Preserve Pro-Life Laws. "The 2023 Missouri legislative session ended with a thud Friday as infighting among Republicans led to the demise of a number of key priorities. It left House and Senate Republicans, who both hold strong majorities, frustrated that they couldn't get more done. They started the session with optimism but ended with the same type of disunity that's plagued the legislature for the past few years. At the beginning of the day, the legislature had yet to finish work on child tax credits, foreign ownership of farmland, sports betting, open school enrollment, state takeover of St. Louis police and a ballot item raising the threshold to enact constitutional amendments. None of those measures passed. Much of the slowdown could be attributed to disagreement in the Senate among Republicans - a common theme throughout the last few sessions. Last-ditch efforts to pass some of those priorities fizzled when senators began filibustering after a lengthy break. Both chambers adjourned just before the 6 p.m. deadline without any major action for the day. ... Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia, also stressed that the legislature was able to pass some major bills, though he acknowledged that the last week of session was largely unproductive. ... But on Thursday and Friday, a new flashpoint emerged: Sen. Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring helped bring proceedings in the chamber to a halt because he was upset that lawmakers weren't passing a property tax cut. ... Some of the sharpest words against Eigel were from Senate Majority Leader Cindy O'Laughlin, R-Shelbina. She was aligned with Eigel when she first entered the Senate but is now against many of his tactics. She chided Eigel for engaging in what she called 'political theater.' 'People bring legislation to the floor that they cannot get passed,' O'Laughlin said. 'And then in retaliation for that, they hang up the business of the Senate for hour after hour after hour. All of us here have people at home that we're representing. All of us here have matters that we think are serious for the state of Missouri.' 'We're not all running for governor,' she added, referring to Eigel exploring a campaign for that post next year. O'Laughlin said the Senate is 'trying to do things in an orderly fashion, and we cannot continue to have this chaos.' 'Either we are going to have a Senate that is respected and stands on tradition - or we're going to have something like mud wrestling,' O'Laughlin added, 'which is what we've had for the past couple of years.'" ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/12/23)

- Senate President Caleb Rowden Said He Was Embarrassed By The Failure To Pass A Sports Betting Bill And Suggested Eigel Had A Problem With A Woman Like O’Laughlin Being In Charge. “Senate President Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia, said he is embarrassed Missouri doesn’t have sports betting when nearly all surrounding states allow it and are generating tax revenue when people place bets. Rowden suggested that Eigel and Hoskins had a problem with O’Laughlin deciding which bills get to be debated. ‘Maybe they don’t like a woman being in charge,’ he told the *Post-Dispatch*.” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/13/23)
- House Speaker Dean Plocher Said The State Senate Should Be Held Accountable For The Failure Of Ballot Initiative Reform Legislation, Which Was Designed To Preserve Pro-Life Laws. “Among the highest profile casualties of the legislative adjournment was a bill seeking to make it harder to amend the state constitution through the initiative petition process. It was a major GOP priority, and months of work had whittled the proposal from requiring more signatures and a two-thirds majority for passage to no changes in signature requirements and a 57% majority. The House passed the compromise plan on Tuesday but it never came up for a vote in the Senate. The proposal was seen as a preliminary strike by Republicans hoping to head off an initiative petition that could appear on the 2024 ballot reversing Missouri’s abortion ban by enshrining reproductive rights in the constitution. ‘If the Senate fails to take action on (petition) reform, the Senate should be held accountable for allowing abortion to return to Missouri,’ said House Speaker Dean Plocher, R-Des Peres.” ([Missouri Independent](#), 5/12/23)

Eigel Defended His Decision To Block All Legislation On The Last Day Of The 2023 Session - The Second Least Productive Session In 30 Years - Calling It His “Darth Vader Moment”

In May 2023, Eigel said his decision to block all legislation on the last day of session was his “Darth Vader Moment.” “Chaos in Missouri’s Republican-led Senate on the final day of session Friday meant the failure of a longtime GOP priority to make it harder to amend the state’s constitution, which lawmakers predicted could ease the path to restoring abortion rights in the state. ... Senators failed to approve a proposal Friday that would have raised that threshold to 57% if approved by voters. Republican House Speaker Dean Plocher predicted Friday that if the threshold is not raised, an initiative petition to allow abortions will be approved by voters under the current standards. ‘The Senate should be held accountable for allowing abortion to return,’ Plocher said. ... Senators passed no legislation Friday as Republican Sen. Bill Eigel held up work in what he said was a last-ditch effort to pass legislation cutting personal property taxes. In a Senate floor speech, Eigel called his decision to block all legislation from passing unless his personal property tax bill is approved his ‘Darth Vader moment’ in reference to the famous fictional Star Wars character’s decision to join the forces of evil. ‘There are moments for all of us on God’s earth where we will face our own Darth Vader moment,’ Eigel said. ‘We will face that moment where individually, we must decide who we are.’” ([The Associated Press](#), 5/13/23)

Eigel Defended His Actions. “In response, Eigel said calling what he’s doing political theater was an attempt to ‘relegate and dismiss’ concerns from senators. ‘I encourage the first person that believes in this chamber that they are free from ever having engaged in political theater to throw the first stone now,’ Eigel said. ... Eigel said he had no regrets about holding up the Senate’s business in order to try to get some of his priorities across the finish line. ‘I’m in a position where in this final week on this final day, this is where we have the most influence on legislation,’ Eigel said, ‘I’m going to spend the political capital that the Senate has granted me under the rules to fight for something I believe in.’” ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/12/23)

- Eigel's Actions Contributed To The 2023 Legislative Session Being The Second Least Productive In Terms Of Approved Legislation In The Past 30 Years. "The Missouri Senate held itself together longer than most had expected. But on Friday, hours before the constitutionally mandated adjournment, it went off the rails. Sen. Bill Eigel, a Weldon Spring Republican running for governor next year, attempted a procedural move to force a vote on personal property tax cut legislation. Instead, the chamber voted to go to a bill that would legalize sports wagering. Losing in his bid to force the chamber to take up his bill, Eigel restarted a filibuster he kicked off Thursday night. ... Friday morning, hours before adjournment, a procedural fight broke out as Eigel tried to force a vote on his bill and failing that, picked up a biography of former President Ronald Reagan and threatened to read aloud from it until 6 p.m. adjournment. ... Over the last 30 years, only the COVID-shortened 2020 legislative session saw lawmakers adjourn with fewer bills heading to the governor's desk. Last year, when the Senate adjourned a day early, lawmakers passed 44 non-budget, policy bills. This year they only managed 43." ([Missouri Independent](#), 5/12/23)

In 2024, Eigel And His Newly Formed Freedom Caucus – An Outgrowth Of The House Freedom Caucus In Congress That Deposed Speaker Kevin McCarthy – Wasted Little Time Creating Gridlock In The State Senate, Which Resulted In Them Losing Committee Posts And Eigel Yelling At Senate Majority Leader Cindy O’Laughlin On The Senate Floor

Within Days Of The Launch Of The 2024 Legislative Session, Eigel, A Member Of The Newly Formed Freedom Caucus, Threatened To “Filibuster Every Day.” “...O’Laughlin, R-Shelbina, and Senate President Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia, have pointed to a need for relationship- and consensus-building as the path toward policy-making. But members of the newly formed hard-line Missouri Freedom Caucus see it differently. The Freedom Caucus, which held a kickoff event Friday in St. Charles, is part of the larger State Freedom Caucus Network, which provides ‘the high-level staff, strategy, and community conservatives need to take ground across the country,’ according to the network’s website. It’s an outgrowth of the House Freedom Caucus, launched in 2015 by U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan and other hard-right Republicans in Congress. State Senate members of the Missouri caucus used the first two days of the session to air grievances against Republican leadership and colleagues on the Senate floor. ... Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, said that last year’s diplomacy failed ‘spectacularly,’ and this year is about holding Republicans’ ‘feet to the fire.’ ‘If I gotta filibuster every day from now until the end of session to get even a small personal property tax cut done, then that’s what we’re gonna do,’ he said.” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/6/24)

In January 2024, Eigel And His Colleagues Held 24 Parson Nominees Hostage, Which Resulted In O’Laughlin Blasting Eigel As “The Definition Of Narcissism” And Pro Tem Caleb Rowden Accusing Eigel’s Caucus Of Acting In “Bad Faith.” “Hard-right Missouri senators held up more than two dozen nominees of Republican Gov. Mike Parson on Thursday, effectively holding the appointments hostage until senators advance a divisive proposal to make it harder to change the state constitution. The Missouri Senate collapsed into a complete meltdown as Republicans exchanged insults and personal attacks. The recriminations began after the newly-formed Missouri Freedom Caucus issued an ultimatum that it would block Parson’s appointments unless the Senate passes legislation to restrict the century-old initiative petition process. ... Senate Majority Leader Cindy O’Laughlin, a Shelbina Republican, called one of the leaders of the hard-right faction, state Sen. Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring, ‘the definition of narcissism.’ ‘You just want to be governor,’ O’Laughlin told Eigel, who has chewed up a significant amount of floor time as he embarks on a Republican campaign for governor. Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia said the caucus’ tactics were ‘the biggest show of bad faith I’ve ever seen in my life.’ The hard-right caucus, largely spearheaded by

Eigel, Hoskins and state Sen. Rick Brattin of Harrisonville, threatened to continue holding the floor late Thursday, blocking the typically routine process of confirming Parson's appointments until senators passed the initiative petition bill." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 1/18/24)

- O'Laughlin Called Eigel And His Colleagues "Terrorists." "...O'Laughlin, R-Shelbina, called the caucus 'terrorists' and slammed Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, for leading the charge. 'Do you know what the definition of narcissism is? You are the definition,' O'Laughlin said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/19/24)
- Assistant Majority Leader Jason Bean Said Eigel And His Colleagues Failed To Follow "The Tradition Of Respect And Integrity." "Sen. Jason Bean, a Holcomb Republican and the assistant majority leader, told reporters that the Freedom Caucus have not 'followed the tradition of respect and integrity.' 'They have used the floor of the Senate for their own personal interest, make political speeches and obstructed the process in which legislation and issues are debated and passed,' he said." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 1/23/24)

Later In January 2024, Rowden Stripped Eigel And His Colleagues Of Committee Assignments Following Weeks Of Filibustering. "The Republican civil war in the Missouri Senate continued Tuesday when Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden stripped four members of their committee chairs and declared he was acting against 'a small group of swamp creatures.' The action toward members of the newly formed Freedom Caucus took away traditional prerogatives of senior legislators and even relegated the targeted four to parking spots as far from the Missouri Capitol as possible. Rowden said he was forced to act after caucus members tied up the Senate for 11 hours Thursday in an unsuccessful attempt to force action on bills making it harder to pass an initiative petition. 'The beginning of the 2024 legislative session in the Missouri Senate has been nothing short of an embarrassment,' Rowden said at a news conference. 'A chamber designed to be occupied by civil, principled statesmen and women, has been overtaken by a small group of swamp creatures who all too often remind me more of my children than my colleagues.' Members of the Freedom Caucus responded in a news conference of their own, then took their complaints to the Senate floor. For almost four hours, they filibustered approval of the journal and complained about Rowden's punitive measures. ... 'The chaos caucus has chosen to use the Missouri Senate as a place to try and salvage their languishing statewide campaigns and intentionally destroy the institution in an effort to claim that the game is rigged against them,' Rowden said. ... The committee changes Rowden announced are: ... Eigel, a candidate for governor, was removed as chairman of the Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee. ... After the news conferences, Eigel held the Senate floor for much of the next four hours, questioning several of the members who appeared in support of Rowden. When Eigel asked if it was policy differences that led to the new schism, Rowden said it was the Freedom Caucus tactics. 'What you did last week was aimed at undercutting the floor leader,' Rowden said." ([Missouri Independent](#), 1/23/24)

Two Days Later, Eigel Yelled At O'Laughlin On The Senate Floor For Calling For His Expulsion. Eigel Became So Mad At O'Laughlin That Another Republican Encouraged Him To Keep His Hands At His Side And "Make Sure You Are Not Pointing Or Making Unnecessary Gestures Toward" Her. "After Rowden finished referring bills and as the Senate moved closer to advancing the appointments, Sen. Bill Eigel, a Weldon Spring Republican and Freedom Caucus member, launched into a scathing attack on Senate Majority Leader Cindy O'Laughlin, a Shelbina Republican. Eigel, who is running for governor, accused O'Laughlin of calling for his expulsion in a meeting with newspaper editors on Thursday morning. At times shouting, Eigel vowed that he wouldn't be intimidated or silenced. 'I'm not the first senator willing to stand up for my principles. And I'll stand here until Christmas if I have

to,' Eigel said. 'And if anybody wants to expel me from this chamber for being bold about my leadership, being bold about my beliefs, I welcome that.' During an extraordinary back and forth on the Senate floor, O'Laughlin sidestepped Eigel's efforts to force her to give a yes or no answer about whether she supports expulsion. 'I believe that the Senate should be allowed to function by all of the rest of the people who were elected by their constituents,' O'Laughlin told Eigel as they stood next to each other. As Eigel yelled, Rowden, who was presiding, at one point looked down at his watch to check the time. At another point, Rowden encouraged Eigel to keep his hands down and 'make sure you are not pointing or making unnecessary gestures toward the female senator you are speaking to.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 1/25/24)

- In Response To Eigel's Tirade, O'Laughlin Called Him A "Very Divisive Person" And Said, "This Is The End Of Us Being Held Hostage." "...Eigel, a conservative firebrand and Republican candidate for governor, erupted on the Senate floor Thursday after Majority Leader Cindy O'Laughlin floated the possibility of kicking the St. Charles County senator out of the upper chamber. 'Two years ago I said, 'You know, with 23 votes you can throw somebody out of here,'" O'Laughlin said in a question-and-answer session Thursday with reporters, editors and newspaper owners. 'I would do it today. I absolutely would.' After Eigel heard about the statement, he shouted, 'I'm not gonna bow to anybody ... that thinks that they can come in here and throw me out of here because I talk too much!' The public airing of such an extraordinary move against a fellow Republican showed how frustrated O'Laughlin, R-Shelbina, has become over the nonstop clashes with Eigel and allies. ... O'Laughlin's statement was soon circulating on social media, sending Eigel into a tirade on the Senate floor and demanding O'Laughlin explain herself. Her staff and the Senate's sergeant-at-arms were dispatched to bring O'Laughlin back to the Senate floor, but she told them she was busy speaking to the group. 'Tell him I'm not here,' O'Laughlin said. 'He's a very divisive person,' she added. 'This is the end of us being held hostage. This is not how things should work. We're not going to take it anymore,' O'Laughlin said.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/26/24)

Eigel And His Colleagues Subsequently Called For The Resignation Of O'Laughlin And Rowden, Who Responded By Accusing Eigel's Caucus Of Stalling Priority Legislation To Address Immigration And Education Issues. "Among the caucus' demands is the resignation of O'Laughlin and Senate President Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia, whom they say are not moving fast enough on legislative priorities. 'Based on the public outcry, the senators believe a leadership change is imperative to restore trust and ensure the effective representation of the values and ideas of the Republican citizens of Missouri,' the caucus said in a joint statement. Rowden, in a statement, said the delaying tactics used by the Freedom Caucus members had now pushed back the schedule for taking on other top GOP priorities, including immigration and education. 'I am hopeful these senators will recognize their efforts changed nothing for the positive, and that the will of the Senate can't be dictated by a select few but by the will of the body,' Rowden said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/31/24)

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Reported That Observers Believed Eigel's Antics Were An Attempt To Boost His Gubernatorial Campaign. "A St. Charles County Republican has helped bring the business of the Missouri Senate to a standstill in the first month of the Legislature's 2024 session. As observers see it, it's merely part of a strategic plan: State Sen. Bill Eigel wants to be governor. Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, along with members of the newly formed Missouri Freedom Caucus, has employed an array of parliamentary maneuvers to shine a spotlight on himself and other members of the hard-line splinter faction, effectively grinding work in the chamber to a halt this month over slights perceived and real. ... Eigel, 46, has attempted to transform his punishment by Senate

Republican leaders into a campaign of victimhood and grievance, arguing that the stripping of committee positions shows that the current Senate leaders who were elected by their colleagues to oversee Senate operations are not true Republicans. It all fits in with his campaign platform, which was on full display Tuesday as members of the Freedom Caucus hosted supporters in a rally at the Capitol following a 16-hour, overnight filibuster in the Senate. 'I'm Bill Eigel. I'm the guy they call an obstructionist,' Eigel told about 250 people gathered in a Capitol hallway. 'There are patriots all over Missouri who are tired of the status quo.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/31/24)

As Of February 7, 2024, The State Senate Had Not Yet Debated A Single Bill. "Republican infighting has brought the Missouri Senate to a crawl this year. A month into session, senators have yet to formally debate a single bill, let alone pass one." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 2/7/24)

STATE SENATE ISSUES

Notable Ratings From GOP-Friendly Groups

During His Time In The State Senate, Eigel Has Received The Following Ratings From GOP-Friendly Groups:

- Missouri Right To Life Pro-Life (2020)
- Associated Industries of Missouri 50% (2022)
- Missouri Chamber of Commerce Less than 75% (2023)
- ACU 95% (Lifetime)
- AFP 80% (2023)
- Club For Growth 93% (Lifetime)
- NRA 92% (2020)

(Various Interest Group Scorecards, Accessed 1/4/24)

Legislative Track Record

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS

Since 2017, Eigel Has Sponsored A Total Of 185 Bills, Of Which 6 Or 3% Have Been Signed Into Law. The Figures Below Do Not Include Eigel-Sponsored Resolutions And Do Not Account For His Co-Sponsorships. (Missouri State Senate, Bill Sponsorships-Bill Eigel, 2017-2023)

2017: 1 for 12 (HB 190 signed by Gov. Greitens)
 2018: 4 for 24 (SB 718, SB 881, HB 2540 and HB 1858 signed by Gov. Parson)
 2019: 0 for 23
 2020: 0 for 25
 2021: 1 for 28 (SB 26 signed by Gov. Parson)
 2022: 0 for 22
 2023: 0 for 51

- In December 2023, *The Kansas City Star* Noted Eigel's Struggle To Pass Legislation As A State Senator. "But while Eigel vows to be the candidate to make government more conservative, his legislative career has been more defined by roadblocks and disputes instead of successfully passing bills, a record that his Republican opponents, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft and Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, will likely seize on." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 12/19/23)

SHIFT TO THE EXTREME

In 2023, Eigel Sponsored Failed Bills To Require Hand Counting Of Paper Ballots And Make Gold And Silver Legal Tender. Both Bills Tracked With The Priorities Of Conspiracy Theorists. "As a senator, Eigel has introduced legislation that mirrors some of the debunked conspiracies often voiced by other speakers, including a distrust of electronic voting machines. Eigel, who was the unofficial leader of the Senate Republican 'Conservative Caucus' until he disbanded it, filed a bill this year to require the hand counting of paper ballots, which experts say is expensive, burdensome, time-consuming and unnecessary because electronic vote tabulators are more accurate. The measure stalled in a Senate committee after Fox News agreed to pay Dominion Voting Systems more than \$787 million in April in connection with a defamation case filed by the voting machine company. ... Eigel also introduced legislation that would make gold and silver legal tender, which has been sought by people prepping for an end of government rule. It, too, failed to advance." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 6/6/23)

- Eigel Said He Did Not "Trust [Voting] Machines" And Believed His Bill Would Not Lead To Delays. "Another bill from Eigel would require that all ballots cast in an election be cast in paper form and counted by hand rather than machines. The legislation would also empower any registered voter to challenge the results of an election through an election contest in court. The legislation builds upon years of false claims of voter fraud and election irregularities touted by former President Donald Trump supporters in the wake of the 2020 presidential election, which Trump lost to President Joe Biden. Eigel said in an interview that he doesn't 'trust machines,' saying that he doesn't think his bill will lead to delays but will 'restore a lot of the transparency in our elections that really has been missing since 2020.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 12/19/23)
- Additional Details On Eigel's Gold And Silver Bill: "One of the more unusual bills that Eigel has filed for the upcoming year would make gold and silver legal tender in Missouri, requiring state government entities to accept gold and silver as forms of payment for taxes and public debts. While the measure would not require businesses to accept gold and silver as payment for private uses, such as groceries, it would allow them to do so. 'This is just giving our citizens another option when it comes to how they can pay their bills,' Eigel said. 'We live in an age where...the dollar is being inflated and abused by our friends up in Washington, DC.' ... Asked how receiving change back would work under his bill, Eigel reiterated that private companies would not be required to accept gold and silver as payment. 'For folks that decided they wanted to accept gold and silver as legal tender, we would let the free market kind of work those details out,' he said." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 12/19/23)

Legislative Pay Hikes

In January 2017, Eigel Recused Himself From A Vote To Turn Down An Increase In His Legislative Pay, Claiming It Was A Conflict Of Interest For Lawmakers To Vote On Such Matters. "Debate over an increase in legislative pay Monday night turned into a heated back-and-forth between Missouri senators and Gov. Eric Greitens, with some lawmakers accusing the governor of trying to intimidate their colleagues to get his way. The Senate debated for more than seven hours whether to turn down an \$1,800 pay increase over the next two years. Lawmakers currently make roughly \$36,000 a year, plus a \$104 a day per diem for miscellaneous costs such as food and lodging. Ultimately, the pay increase was rejected just before midnight on a 25-2 vote. Six senators recused themselves. ...

Republican Sens. Ryan Silvey of Kansas City, Bill Eigel of St. Charles County and Rob Schaaf of St. Joseph joined Democrats Jason Holsman of Kansas City, Kiki Curls of Kansas City and Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City in recusing themselves. They argued it was a conflict of interest for lawmakers to vote on their own pay." (*The Kansas City Star*, 1/31/17)

Campaign Finance Issues

Campaign Finance Analysis Of Eigel's State Senate Bids

According To The Institute On Money In State Politics, Eigel Raised A Total Of \$1.3 Million For His Two State Senate Campaigns In 2016 And 2020. (The Institute On Money In State Politics, [Bill Eigel-Campaign Profile](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

EIGEL, WILLIAM (BILL) has run in 2 races for public office, winning 2 of them. The candidate has raised a total of \$1,344,522.













Candidate	Election Status	Status of Candidate	Specific Party	General Party	Election Jurisdiction	Election Year	Election Type	Office Sought	Incumbency Status	# of Records	Total \$
EIGEL, WILLIAM (BILL)	WON-GENERAL	WON	REPUBLICAN	REPUBLICAN	MO	2020	STANDARD	SENATE DISTRICT 023	INCUMBENT	511	\$346,162
EIGEL, WILLIAM (BILL)	WON-GENERAL	WON	REPUBLICAN	REPUBLICAN	MO	2016	STANDARD	SENATE DISTRICT 023	OPEN	296	\$998,360

Eigel's Top State Senate Campaign Donors Included Several Prominent GOP Supporters. Also, Eigel And His Wife, Amanda, Made Large Donations To His Campaign. (The Institute On Money In State Politics, [Bill Eigel-Campaign Profile](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Contributor	Type of Contributor	# of Records	Total \$
HUMPHREYS, DAVID CRAIG	INDIVIDUAL	5	\$350,000
HERZOG CONTRACTING	NON-INDIVIDUAL	2	\$150,000
EIGEL, WILLIAM (BILL)	INDIVIDUAL	1	\$100,000
MISSOURI CLUB FOR GROWTH	NON-INDIVIDUAL	3	\$83,969
RIVERTOWN ENTERPRISES	NON-INDIVIDUAL	2	\$60,000
EIGEL, AMANDA	INDIVIDUAL	13	\$22,246
ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS	NON-INDIVIDUAL	8	\$14,450
AMEREN CORP	NON-INDIVIDUAL	7	\$12,500
ROBERT FRANK (BOB) ONDER JR CAMPAIGN CMTE	NON-INDIVIDUAL	3	\$10,501
BUSCH III, AUGUST ANHEUSER	INDIVIDUAL	1	\$10,000

- In 2019, David Steward, Another Prominent GOP Donor, Made A \$150,000 Donation To A Pro-Eigel PAC. "This year Steward has already given \$150,000 to CL PAC and \$150,000 to Believe in Life and Liberty PAC, which is associated with Eigel." (*The Kansas City Star*, 9/5/19)

Eigel's State Senate Campaigns Received More Than \$34,134 From Lawyers And Lobbyists And \$28,800 From Public Sector Unions – Namely Fire And Police Unions. (The Institute On Money In State Politics, [Bill Eigel-Campaign Profile](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

General Industry	Broad Sector	# of Records	Total \$
 BUILDING MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT	CONSTRUCTION	9	\$355,300
 GENERAL CONTRACTORS	CONSTRUCTION	5	\$153,000
 CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS	CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS	20	\$123,296
 CONSERVATIVE POLICY ORGANIZATION	IDEOLOGY/SINGLE ISSUE	13	\$100,228
 UNCODED	UNCODED	345	\$98,822
 SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	CONSTRUCTION	5	\$64,000
 CANDIDATE COMMITTEES	CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS	14	\$40,529
 LAWYERS & LOBBYISTS	LAWYERS & LOBBYISTS	32	\$34,134
 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	HEALTH	42	\$29,740
 BEER, WINE & LIQUOR	GENERAL BUSINESS	20	\$29,725
 PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS	LABOR	19	\$28,800
 OTHER/SINGLE ISSUE GROUPS	IDEOLOGY/SINGLE ISSUE	22	\$28,375

Eigel's 2024 Gubernatorial Bid Has Been Fueled By Small Donations From Non-Missouri Residents, Which Has Created Controversy Over Deceptive Solicitations

In 2023, Eigel's Gubernatorial Campaign Was Fueled By Small Donations From Non-Missouri Residents, Who Accounted For 90% Of His Committee's Donations And 99% Of BILL PAC's Donations. "The number of individual donations for Eigel, BILL PAC and Scharf far surpass those of any other announced or potential candidate seeking one of the five statewide constitutional offices on next year's ballot. Missouri residents, however, gave only a tiny fraction of those individual donations, an analysis by The Independent shows. More than 90% of the listed individual donations for Eigel and Scharf's campaign are from people living outside Missouri. For BILL PAC, almost 99% of the donations were from outside the state. Eigel did not return text and telephone messages seeking comment for this story." ([Missouri Independent](#), 10/2/23)

- Eigel's Committee And BILL PAC Have Also Received \$10,000 From Low-Income Housing Developers. "...Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring has received \$10,000 in support this year from low income housing developers, \$2,500 to his campaign committee and \$7,500 through his joint fundraising committee, BILL PAC. Eigel did not respond to messages seeking comment." ([Missouri Independent](#), 12/7/23)

In September 2023, The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Reported On How Some Of Eigel's Low-Income And Out-Of-State Donors Were Deceived To Believe They Were Donating To Trump, Not Eigel. "In his quest for Missouri governor, state Sen. Bill Eigel has found financial support in faraway places. One of them is Salome, Arizona, an unincorporated community nearly 100 miles west of Phoenix, where Susan Comer resides. Comer, 59, in May donated \$10 to a political action committee supporting Eigel, records show. Eigel has pointed to thousands of small donations such as Comer's as evidence of grassroots support. 'For every special interest check or endorsement received by my opponents, a thousand people donated to my message and cause,' Eigel said in July. But there's a problem: Comer, who said she lives on a fixed income of less than \$1,000 a month, reported Thursday she has never heard of Eigel and doesn't follow Missouri politics. 'I don't know who he is,' she told the *Post-Dispatch*. 'I can't afford it.' Though she doesn't know what prompted her to donate to Eigel, Comer and her life partner, David Pinol, 62, said they are supporters of former President Donald Trump and complained of underhanded political fundraising tactics in a stream of messages they both receive. An Aug. 2 email could help explain why Eigel has attracted so much small-dollar

support from across the country, including from Comer. The email, paid for by Eigel's BILL PAC, solicited support for Trump, who had just been indicted for the fourth time, and asked 'pro-Trump patriots' to 'Stand with Trump,' sign a petition and make a donation. But the money would go to Eigel's campaign, the email said in small type. ... 'They take the candidate that we are known to have supported and they use that candidate's image and that candidate's quotes and that candidate's policy opinions and then they sneak in, you know, their own candidate in the fine print,' Pinol said. Trump's campaign in March told 10 GOP consulting firms the former president likely wouldn't endorse a candidate paying a digital fundraising vendor 'that routinely fundraises off of his (Trump's) name, image and likeness without his authorization,' Politico reported. Records show BILL PAC has paid one of the firms that received the letter, Arlington, Virginia-based Targeted Victory, nearly \$300,000 this year for work described as consulting and project management. ... Comer, the Eigel donor from Arizona, said she would be inclined to donate to a pro-Trump cause referencing the former president's struggle against President Biden's Department of Justice 'witch hunt' and its moving 'in for the kill.' 'I think it's extremely deceptive,' said Pinol, who works as a repair man. He called it 'extremely underhanded for these PACs to use the candidate's name and image and words and quotes and all that.' Pinol has urged Comer to be more careful with the fundraising solicitations in her email inbox. 'Since he pointed things out to me and showed me things, I'm very careful now,' Comer said. 'Every time it says a certain thing, I immediately delete it.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/2/23)

- "Many Of Thousands Of Donors To Eigel's PAC, Which Is Allowed To Coordinate With His Campaign, Appear To Be Living On Fixed Incomes." "Many of thousands of donors to Eigel's PAC, which is allowed to coordinate fundraising efforts with his campaign, appear to be living on fixed incomes. More than 40 donors to Eigel's BILL PAC this year entered 'disabled' and/or 'disability' in the employer/occupation fields when they made donations, according to a review of state records. Combined, those donors have given hundreds of dollars in small donations, many of them recurring, since the beginning of January. They aren't the only group giving big amounts of small donations to the state senator: an army of thousands of retirees is also donating to Eigel's PAC. This year, Eigel's political action committee has raked in more than \$386,000 from people who listed 'retired' as their employer/occupation, records show. Those donors are the targets of emails, such as the one sent on Aug. 2. That email was sent by an account named 'TRUMP ARREST UPDATE' and had the subject line 'Biden DOJ moves in for the kill.' The fundraising plea warns: 'At any moment, Biden's DOJ could move to put Trump in jail for the rest of his life!' ... Recipients who clicked that link were directed to a page where they can sign a petition and then check a box indicating a donation amount. Only then does it say 'Your contribution will benefit Eigel for Missouri.' The form goes on to ask for the person's occupation, their phone number and payment information. Donors must uncheck a box to opt out of recurring donations. The bottom of the page says it was paid for by BILL PAC." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/2/23)

Eigel Refused To Comment On His Campaign's Fundraising Practices. "Eigel and a spokesman for Targeted Victory did not respond to requests for comment for this story." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/2/23)

Eigel's Son, Kevin, Has Worked On His Father's 2020 And 2024 Campaigns As A Paid Staffer

According To Missouri Ethics Commission Records, Eigel's Son, Kevin, Has Worked On His Father's 2020 And 2024 Campaigns As A Paid Staffer. (Missouri Ethics Commission, Campaign Expenditure Database, Accessed 1/10/24)

<u>MECID</u>	<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Expenditure Name/Address</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Expenditure Date</u>	<u>Expenditure Amount</u>
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	January Quarterly Report	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail Saint Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	10/31/2023	\$300.00
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	January Quarterly Report	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail Saint Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	10/13/2023	\$330.00
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	January Quarterly Report	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail Saint Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	11/15/2023	\$1,200.00
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	January Quarterly Report	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail Saint Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	12/11/2023	\$540.00
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	January Quarterly Report	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail Saint Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	10/14/2023	\$250.00

C151102	Eigel For Missouri	July Quarterly Report	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail St Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	06/23/2020	\$100.00
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	AMENDED 30 Day After General Election-11/3/2020	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail St Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	11/24/2020	\$130.00
C151102	Eigel For Missouri	AMENDED 30 Day After General Election-11/3/2020	Kevin Eigel 398 Patriotic Trail St Charles MO 63304	Campaign Worker	11/13/2020	\$130.00

TIES TO CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Carter Ballmann



(Columbia Daily Tribune, 6/24/19)

In 2019, Carter Ballmann, Eigel's Former Campaign Manager, Was Sentenced To 5 Years In Prison For Attempted Receipt Of Child Pornography

In 2018, Ballmann Was Arrested In A Child Predator Sting For Trying To Lure A 14-Year Old Girl To Meet Him For Sex. "Ballmann, 24, a legislative aide and Republican political consultant, was arrested for attempting to entice a 14-year-old out of her house to come have sex with him. There was no 14-year-old. 'She' was an undercover Boone County sheriff's deputy conducting a cybersting against an alleged sexual predator. Ballmann faces prison and a lifetime on the state's sex offender registry if convicted. ... In 2016, Ballmann helped run the winning campaign of Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, and later served on the senator's staff." (Tony Messenger, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 4/20/18)

- According To An October 2017 Press Release From The Missouri GOP, Ballmann Served As Eigel's Campaign Manager During His Successful 2016 State Senate Bid. "Carter, a dedicated conservative with lifelong roots in St. Charles, has a substantial background in Missouri's political landscape. Before joining Team MOGOP, Carter served as the campaign manager for Bill Eigel's successful 2016 state senate bid, and later served as Eigel's legislative assistant." (Missouri Republican Party, [Press Release](#), 10/16/17)

In June 2019, Ballmann Was Sentenced To 5 Years In Prison For Attempted Receipt Of Child Pornography. "A former state legislative aide will spend five years in prison for trying to elicit sex from someone he thought was a 14-year-old girl, but was actually an undercover detective. U.S. District Judge Roseann Ketchmark on Friday sentenced 25-year-old Carter Clinton Ballmann to five years in the Federal Bureau of Prisons on a single count of attempted receipt of child pornography. He will also spend five years on federal supervision following his release. A count of sexual exploitation of children was dropped as part of a February plea agreement with prosecutors. Ketchmark, during the hearing, also recommended Ballmann be screened for admission to a sex offender treatment program, to be completed as he serves his sentence. ... Ballmann's arrest was the result of a child predator sting by the Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force. According to court documents, a detective placed a post on an unnamed cell phone app posing as a 14-year-old and titled 'I think I want to hook up with my teacher.' By the following day the decoy account received numerous private messages. One of those was from Ballmann using the name 'Cameron.' The decoy and Ballman continued to correspond and he sent his personal cell phone number as a means to communicate. Through text messaging he provided specific details about sex acts he wanted to engage in with the decoy, according to court documents. He also tried to persuade the decoy to sneak out of her home to meet him for sex and to send nude photos, according to court documents. Investigators were able to use Ballmann's phone number to locate his Facebook page, which contained an image of himself identical to one sent to the decoy. He was arrested on April 17 at the Missouri State Capitol. At the time of Ballmann's arrest, authorities obtained a search warrant for his cellphone and located the picture the decoy sent, as well as the picture he sent the decoy, according to court documents. Investigators also located searches made on the device during the time he was communicating with the decoy for teenage pornography and various Columbia middle school honor rolls and schedules. ... [I]n 2016 Ballman served on the winning campaign of state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring and was appointed by the Missouri Republican Party Regional Field Director for St. Charles County, according to a press release posted on the Missouri GOP website." ([Columbia Daily Tribune](#), 6/24/19)

Conspiracy Theorists

In 2023, Eigel Attended An Event That Featured Discredited Election Denier Mike Lindell And A QAnon Conspiracy Theorist, And Later That Year He Attended A Lindell-Sponsored Event And Appeared On His Television Program

In June 2023, Eigel Was Listed Among The Speakers At A Branson, MO Event That Featured Lindell And A QAnon Conspiracy Theorist. "A state senator who is considering a bid for governor is listed among speakers at an event this weekend in southwest Missouri aimed at election deniers, anti-vaccination believers and conspiracy theorists. Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, is attending the 'Determined Patriotism Conference' in Branson, where he'll share a stage with Mike Lindell, a pillow salesman who continues to spread misinformation about the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. Also on the docket are anti-vaxxers Thomas Renz and Jane Ruby, as well as QAnon conspiracy theorist Sheila Holm, who has said the government worships Lucifer and is controlled by secret societies. ... Eigel did not respond to a request for comment Monday. ... Meanwhile, other speakers include Ann Vandersteel, who has promoted a theory of sovereign citizenship in which a person can become immune to the laws and authority of the federal government." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 6/6/23)

In August 2023, Eigel Attended A Lindell-Sponsored Event In Springfield, MO. "As the first day of Mike Lindell's Election Crime Bureau Summit concluded, several high profile guests could be spotted in the crowd. Apart from national figures such as Steve Bannon, retired lieutenant general Michael Flynn and Lou Dobbs, Missouri Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Eigel and U.S. Rep. Eric Burlison of the state's 7th Congressional District made appearances. ... Eigel spent time speaking with guests and constituents in attendance at the event. He said that he had previously met many of the grassroots organizers through other encounters. 'The folks I'm meeting here are interested in ensuring that the elections that we're conducting in the state of Missouri are accountable and transparent, and I think that's a great thing,' Eigel said." ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 8/17/23)

In October 2023, Eigel Appeared On Lindell's Television Program. "...Eigel, who is running in the GOP primary for governor, labeled social-emotional learning as 'awful' during an appearance on a television program operated by Mike Lindell, the creator of MyPillow and election conspiracist. 'As governor, I am going to dismantle DESE and continue to lead the fight against children being used as research experiments for leftist agendas. No to government bureaucracy in education. No to social-emotional learning,' Eigel posted on social media alongside a clip of the interview." ([Missouri Independent](#), 10/31/23)

NOTABLE ISSUE POSITIONS & VOTES

TAXES & FEES

Higher Taxes & Fees On Missourians

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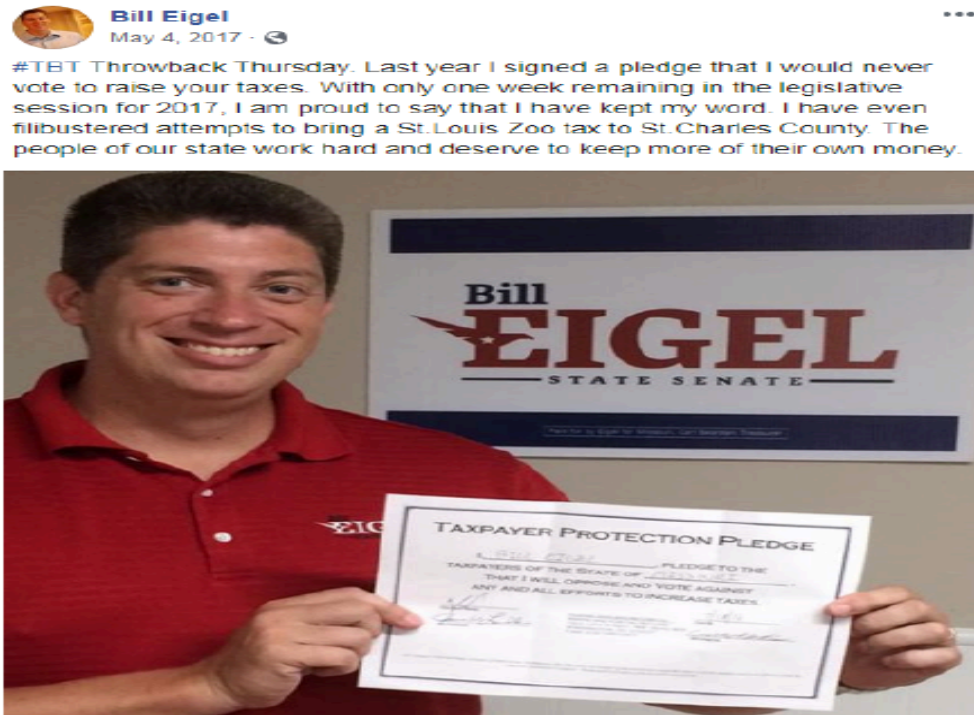
In 2016, Eigel Campaigned For The State Senate On An Anti-Tax Hike Pledge

In July 2016, Eigel Said, "When We Have Republicans That Are Recommending Tax Increases As The Only Way To Solve Problems, We Have A Real Problem." "...Eigel represents the rejection of traditional, 'establishment' politics that endeared people on both sides of the aisle to candidates like Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders. He got into politics after seeing the premiums on his health insurance skyrocket under the Affordable Care Act, and after hearing Rep. Dave Hinson, R-St. Clair, promote 2013's Amendment 7, a large tax increase that would have paid for transportation infrastructure repairs, on the radio. 'When we have Republicans that are recommending tax increases as the only way to solve our problems, we have a real problem,' Eigel says." ([The Missouri Times](#), 7/15/16)

In November 2016, Eigel Stated, "I Will Support A Road Reinvestment Plan That Provides For Our Roads Without Increasing Taxes Or Creating Toll Roads." Eigel: "I will support a road reinvestment plan that provides for our roads without increasing taxes or creating toll roads." ([Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 11/7/16)

In 2016, Eigel Signed The Americans For Tax Reform Pledge To Oppose Any And All Tax Hikes. "In fact, when it comes to the matter of taxes, Eigel is against them, having signed the Americans for Tax Reform pledge to oppose any and all tax increases in the state. 'We have a tax structure that doesn't really set up an environment that encourages a lot of businesses to come here to Missouri, and I think there's a lot of room improvement,' he said. 'Right now, our income tax is so out of date, that you can make below the federal poverty line and pay the highest rate of tax in the state of Missouri.'" ([The Missouri Times](#), 11/15/16)

In May 2017, Eigel Reiterated His Commitment To “Never Vote To Raise Your Taxes,” And He Posted A Picture Of Himself Holding His Signed Americans For Tax Reform Pledge. (Bill Eigel, Facebook, 5/4/17)



During The 2017 Legislative Session, Eigel Reiterated His Opposition To Tax Hikes

During The 2017 Legislative Session, Eigel Pushed Failed Legislation (SB 457) To Spend \$2.7 Billion In General Revenue Funds To Overhaul I-70. He Stated, “I Remain Adamantly Opposed To Increasing Motor Fuel Taxes.” “...Eigel may have suffered the first defeat in his legislative career, but he has no intentions of taking it lying down. The freshman senator from St. Charles’ bill concerning transportation funding failed to pass during an executive session vote in Thursday morning’s meeting of the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee. Eigel’s transportation bill, or SB 457, sought to invest \$2.7 billion in the state’s transportation system, including \$2 billion to completely overhaul I-70. His plan would have used general revenue funds to offset the costs, rather than creating new taxes and toll roads or raising user fees. ... ‘I remain adamantly opposed to increasing motor fuel taxes. It is a failed solution to our transportation funding problems especially when we are sending more tax dollars to Jefferson City than ever before,’ Eigel said. ‘Every time there is a problem in Jefferson City, the only solution is to throw more money at it.’ ... Eigel said he thought he had the votes in the committee to continue moving the legislation forward, that senators were interested in the bill. ‘I understood, going into the morning, that we had four votes. One member was missing, and that made it vulnerable,’ Eigel said. The bill failed in committee by a final vote of 3-3, with Sen. Bob Dixon absent from the vote.” ([The Missouri Times](#), 4/13/17)

In July 2017, Eigel Said, “I Have A Real Problem Identifying The Need To Actually Raise Anyone’s Taxes.” “A MoDOT priority is rebuilding Interstate 70 across the middle of the state, which may cost billions of dollars that now don’t exist. Yet Eigel said, ‘I have a real problem identifying the need to actually raise anyone’s taxes.’ Toll roads also haven’t found many proponents. ‘I’ve yet to meet one of my constituents who has come to me and said, ‘I want to see a toll road,’” he said. Eigel said he

favors the state dedicating about \$2 billion annually – about 2.5 percent of general revenue funding – for 10 years to provide enough to obtain matching federal dollars to build a four-lane I-70 from Independence to Wentzville. Another \$500 million could be used to rebuild and repair lettered routes throughout the state, he added.” ([Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 7/17/17)

In October 2017, Eigel Told Members Of A Transportation System Task Force, “...I Am A Critic Of Raising Anybody’s Taxes.” “The 21st Century Transportation System Task Force met Wednesday to discuss strategies to finance improving Missouri’s infrastructure. ... One of the most talked about ideas was raising the gas tax in various forms. Advocates of the idea point to the fact that Missouri has one of the lowest gas taxes in the country and raising it could make Missouri compliant with the standards of the rest of the country. Additionally, through the gas tax, drivers in Missouri exclusively pay for the roads which they use. Arguments against raising the gas tax were that the low gas prices bring truck drivers through the state and provide constant economic impact. Sen. Bill Eigel was against a tax increase of any kind. ‘I think most of the committee members already know, I am a critic of raising anybody’s taxes,’ Eigel said. ‘As long as we’re in an environment where the people of Missouri are already sending record amounts of revenue to Jefferson City, I will not support tax increases.’” ([The Missouri Times](#), 10/11/17)

FAILED PUSH IN 2017 & 2018 FOR A TAX OVERHAUL BILL THAT INCLUDED TAX HIKES

In November 2017, Less Than One Year Into His First Term, Eigel Announced He Would File Tax Overhaul Legislation In 2018 That Would Include A 34% Gas Tax Hike And An Online Sales Tax, And Eliminate Federal Income Tax Deductions And Some Business Tax Breaks

In November 2017, Eigel Announced He Would File Tax Overhaul Legislation (SB 617) That Would Include A State Income Tax Cut, A 34% Gas Tax Hike And The Elimination Of Some Business Tax Breaks. “...Eigel, R-St. Charles, will file the Missouri Economic Relief Act, hoping to re-align government spending priorities by decreasing the income tax and increasing fuel use taxes. ... MERA also addresses tax code items outside of income tax rates. It will adjust the Missouri motor fuel tax from 17.5 cents to 23.5 cents per gallon, providing near-term dollars to fund Missouri roads and bridges, an ongoing priority for Eigel. ‘I’ve been talking about transportation funding longer than I’ve been in office,’ Eigel said. ‘A straight increase in any tax is a non-starter. However, an adjustment to the motor fuel tax as part of a broader tax reduction for Missouri citizens is in keeping with our conservative principles. For those wanting to provide immediate help to funding roads and bridges, MERA is a great opportunity.’ In addition to fuel tax rates, MERA touches on tax credit reform by placing an aggregate cap on tax credits that may be authorized in any given year. ... Finally, MERA eliminates several outdated tax exemptions to help offset the cost of the bill, including the federal tax exemption and the employer 2% sale tax on-time pay bonus. ‘A majority of the costs associated with MERA will be offset by the elimination of some tax exemptions that make our code more complicated and difficult to understand. In my mind, it hits a lot of bases—lowering taxes, addressing tax credit and transportation funding mechanisms, and making the tax code more straightforward. It would strengthen the budgets of our middle-class families and give small business owners more flexibility to create jobs,’ said Eigel.” ([The Missouri Times](#), 11/6/17)

Eigel’s Legislation Also Sought To Eliminate Federal Income Tax Deductions And Impose An Online Sales Tax. “Eigel’s plan would eliminate the deduction, allowed on all state tax returns, for federal income taxes. That deduction is currently capped at \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for married couples and eliminating it increases state revenue by about \$600 million, he said. ... The difference would be made up by eliminating the allowance businesses receive for paying their taxes on time, a

\$115 million benefit, increasing the state fuel tax by 6 cents per gallon and tax credit changes, he said. Eigel also wants Missouri to join an interstate compact designed to make sure online retailers pay the sales taxes due on purchases from the state. 'A few of these things on their own would never have a chance of passing,' Eigel said. 'But rolled together, a lot of these things that benefit different groups, in an overall package that lowers rates for everybody and simplifies the code, could have a different result.'" (*Columbia Daily Tribune*, 11/20/17)

Early In The 2018 Legislative Session, Eigel Pushed His Legislation's Gas And Business Tax Hike Provisions, Despite Opposition From Then-Gov. Eric Greitens And Americans For Prosperity's Missouri Chapter

In February 2018, Eigel Pushed The 34% Gas Tax Hike, Which Was Estimated To Generate \$183 Million, Despite Greitens' Opposition To Such A Hike. "When fully implemented, the higher gasoline tax could bring in an additional \$183 million for road and bridge construction, an analysis of the legislation shows. Eigel said he is not dismayed by Greitens' statement last week that he remains opposed to a hike in the state's fuel tax of 17 cents per gallon. 'This is version 19 of my bill. It is safe to say I haven't gotten everything I want. The governor is committed to tax reform. I think he is going to be a partner in this,' Eigel said following the 5-2 vote of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Under Eigel's plan, the current income tax rate of 5.9 percent would drop to 5.25 percent. The corporate tax rate would be lowered to 4.25 percent from the current 6.25 percent. It also would cap low-income housing tax credits at \$135 million and offer an earned income tax credit for low-income families. To offset the cuts, the plan would repeal the federal standard deduction for individual income tax filers and replace it with a staggered deduction based on income levels, in which wealthier taxpayers would receive a smaller percentage of a deduction. It also would start the process of collecting sales taxes on online purchases and repeal a tax deduction businesses receive for filing their taxes on time. ... The legislation is Senate Bills 611 and 617." (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 2/13/18)

VIDEO: During A February 2018 Appearance On "This Week In Missouri Politics," Eigel Candidly Discussed His Plan To Increase The Gas Tax By 34% And Hike Taxes On Businesses. Eigel: "Well, we're doing that from a couple areas. One, we're taking how businesses report their taxes and their apportionment, so a lot of states that are able to avoid Missouri taxes that are out-of-state corporations are going to have to start paying taxes. We're balancing some of the revenue also with transportation infrastructure revenue. So, we're going to actually increase the gas tax by 6 cents under this plan." (*This Week In Missouri Politics*, 2/4/18; 8:25 Mark)

Also In February 2018, Americans For Prosperity-Missouri Stated Its Opposition To Eigel's Bill Due To Its Inclusion Of A "Devastating Gas Tax" And Concerns It "Would Fail To Decrease The Tax Burden On Missourians." "Americans for Prosperity-Missouri released a statement opposing SB 617, a tax reform bill which is moving through the Senate and scheduled for Perfection. The tax reform package would change many aspects of the state tax code that would ultimately provide no increased benefit to Missouri taxpayers. The bill would reduce individual and corporate rates however [*sic] would also introduce a new tax credit and include a devastating gas tax on the state level. AFP-MO has been an advocate for responsible tax reform on the state and federal level that would decrease rates, broaden the tax base, and remove special-interests handouts and loopholes. Ultimately, this bill would fail to decrease the tax burden on Missourians and introduce harmful tax provisions under the guise of lowering individual and corporate rates. 'While there are some good components of responsible tax reform in this bill, it's ultimately something we can't support considering all the harmful tax provisions that weigh it down,' said AFP-State Director Jeremy Cady.

'The goal of tax reform should be to make our code fairer, flatter, and simpler while letting Missourians keep more of their hard-earned money – this doesn't accomplish that.' 'While we appreciate the Senate's effort to reform state taxes, they need to scrap many of the harmful provisions in this bill before we can support it,' concluded Cady.'" (Americans For Prosperity-Missouri, [Press Release](#), 2/28/18)

In March 2018, The State Senate Perfected Eigel's Amended Bill, But It Was Later Blocked By Fellow Republicans Due To Concerns About Its Tax Hikes And Total Costs

In March 2018, The Senate Perfected Eigel's Tax Reform Bill, Which Included The 34% Gas Tax Hike And Allowed For Additional Future Increases. "It seems that most members of the Missouri Senate were caught off guard as Sen. Bill Eigel's tax reform package was perfected by the body. But perhaps no one was as surprised as Sen. Eigel when the body put forward almost no opposition. 'I'm obviously thrilled that the body perfected SB 617. We brought out a new substitute that included changes that are a reflection of really six months of effort,' Eigel said. 'I think this is a fantastic day for Missouri, because we just perfected the largest tax cut in the history of the state while at the same time securing about \$2.5 billion in infrastructure for the state of Missouri's roads and bridges.' For Eigel, the work on tax reform began in October. Now, in late March, the Senate gave perfection approval to the 400-plus page bill, the 22nd version of the language. Eigel said that over the course of the past two weeks, he worked with his colleagues to try and find the right language that could meet the majority of the Senate's wishes while putting together an all-encompassing package with changes to numerous levels and areas of the tax code. ... The result is a proposal that would lower the state's current income tax rate of 5.9 percent to 5.25, with possible reductions in the future if revenues meet certain requirements. It also would lower the corporate tax rate one percent from 6.25 to 5.25, matching the corporate and personal rates. To offset the loss in revenue due to those proposed cuts, it calls for the repealing of a tax deduction given to businesses for filing their taxes on time, ending the federal corporate deduction, and starting to collect sales taxes on Internet purchases. As for the fuel tax, the bill now calls for a total increase of about 8 cents and allows CPI adjustments to that until the year 2025, which should get the state to about a 10-cent fuel tax, up from the state's current 17-cent motor fuel tax." ([The Missouri Times](#), 3/28/18)

- The Non-Partisan Tax Foundation Estimated Provisions In Eigel's Bill Could Have Increased The Gas Tax By Up To 58%. "The Senate's proposal would increase the state's gas tax, currently levied at 17 cents per gallon, to 18 cents per gallon as of July 2020, further increasing to 23 cents per gallon by July 2021. (It would increase another four cents if the state were permitted to start taxing remote sales, as part of a revenue offset to pay for a contingent 0.3 percent cut in the individual income tax rate.)" (Tax Foundation, Press Release, 4/11/18)

Shortly After The Senate Perfected Eigel's Bill, Then-Pro Tem Ron Richard Raised Concerns About Its Tax Hike Provisions. "Missouri's Republican Senate leaders expressed reservations Thursday about a massive tax overhaul given initial approval by the chamber, raising doubts about the ultimate fate of the measure. Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard and some other leading senators all said they were concerned about the potential financial impact to the state from the legislation that would cut individual and corporate income tax rates, curb some income tax deductions and raise the states' motor fuel taxes, among other things. Senators gave initial approval by voice vote Wednesday to the 428-page bill after less than 30 minutes of debate. ... Richard, who was presiding over the chamber during Wednesday's vote, said he was among those voting 'no' as it quickly gained first-round approval. ... He noted that the state already is implementing two tax cuts - a gradual income tax reduction approved by the Republican-led Legislature in 2014 and a federal income tax cut signed

by President Donald Trump that has implications for state revenues. The effects of both are still being determined, Richard said. He added that the new tax plan endorsed by the Senate would raise taxes on some people in order to offset other tax cuts. 'That gives me pause,' Richard said. The legislation by Sen. Bill Eigel would reduce the top individual income tax rate from its current 5.9 percent to 5.25 percent in 2019. ... The legislation would reduce Missouri's corporate income tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.25 percent starting next year. Other provisions would eliminate the state income tax deduction for corporate taxes paid to the federal government, reverse a recently enacted tax apportionment option that has benefited some businesses and limit the state tax deduction that individuals can take for taxes paid to the federal government. The legislation also would gradually increase the state's motor fuel taxes from the current 17 cents a gallon to 23 cents a gallon by July 2021 and would allow additional increases to keep pace with inflation. Fuel taxes could automatically rise further if the federal government expands states' sales tax options. All told, the legislation is projected to reduce state general revenues by \$8 million in its first year and about \$50 million in its second year while raising fuel tax revenues for state and local roads by \$35 million in its first year and \$84 million in its second year, according to an analysis distributed by Eigel's office. The Republican senator from Weldon Spring has described the bill as approximately revenue neutral to the state. ... Kehoe, a Republican from Jefferson City, said he voted 'yes' on the bill's initial approval but is concerned about its potential impact on the state." ([The Associated Press](#), 3/29/18)

In April 2018, Eigel Touted His Tax Reform Bill As A Way To Increase The Gas Tax Without Requiring A Statewide Vote. "The topic was transportation when business and government leaders gathered on March 30 for the Legislative Update luncheon sponsored by Progress 64 West. ... One potential answer is Missouri Senate Bill 617 that its sponsor, Sen. Bill Eigel, called the 'largest tax cut in the history of the state of Missouri.' SB 617 could raise Missouri's motor fuel tax to fund road improvements while lowering the state's income tax and corporate tax rates. Eigel ... said his bill – tax overhaul legislation – sailed through the state Senate last week with little debate and was advancing toward final passage. ... Eigel's bill would lower the state's 5.9 percent income tax rate to 5.25 percent for most state taxpayers. To offset the cuts, the state would end the federal individual and corporate tax deductions and cap low-income tax credits at \$135 million. The bill also would phase in an 8-cent increase in the state's 17-cent motor fuel tax along with a consumer price index adjustment to those fuel taxes until 2025. Eigel said his bill would provide an extra \$2.5 billion for roads and bridges over the next 10 years. 'I think we have a good product here,' Eigel told luncheon attendees. However, he questioned whether the state's voters would approve increases in motor fuel taxes. 'I think, and I share this with a lot of my constituents, [that there are] concerns that increases in any kind of tax have not been, typically, well received,' Eigel said. 'We polled, and I've seen very recent data that indicate that, if a vote on a fuel tax would go to the people, the results would not be affirmative. 'What I'm trying to do with Senate Bill 617 is offer an avenue where we can see a short-term increase in fuel tax to provide [transportation] funding, [while] at the same time, what we're doing is as a part of a broader tax measure that will lower the overall tax burden for taxpayers.'" ([Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 4/9/18)

Later In April 2018, Eigel's Bill Died In Committee Over Concerns It Was Not Revenue Neutral And Would Cost The State \$126 Million. "A proposed Missouri tax overhaul to cut state personal and corporate income taxes and eliminate some deductions stalled Thursday amid concerns over an estimated \$126 million price tag, signaling Republican-led efforts to change state tax policy this year could be in trouble. The bill hit a roadblock in the Senate's Fiscal Oversight Committee, which is tasked with weighing the financial impact of legislation. Republican Chairman Sen. Mike Cunningham was met with silence when he asked for another senator to second his motion to pass

the bill, a procedural move that effectively blocked it. ... Eigel's measure was met with bipartisan pushback by Senate committee members over worries about the cost. ... Eigel's tax plan would reduce the top individual income tax rate from its current 5.9 percent to 5.25 percent in 2019, and it would cut Missouri's corporate income tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.25 percent starting next year. To balance out lost revenue from tax cuts, Eigel proposed eliminating the state income tax deduction for corporate taxes paid to the federal government, reversing a recently enacted tax apportionment option that has benefited some businesses and limiting the state tax deduction that individuals can take for taxes paid to the federal government. The legislation also would gradually increase the state's motor fuel taxes from the current 17 cents a gallon to 23 cents a gallon by July 2021 and would allow additional increases to keep pace with inflation. But even with those provisions, legislative researchers estimated it would cost the state \$126.6 million in general revenue in fiscal year 2020, about \$86 million in 2021 and roughly \$90 million when it's fully implemented in 2027." ([The Associated Press](#), 4/19/18)

MEMBER OF A TASK FORCE THAT CALLED FOR \$4.3 BILLION IN GAS & DIESEL HIKES

In 2017, Eigel Served On A Transportation Task Force That Recommended \$4.3 Billion In Gas And Diesel Tax Hikes To Fund Missouri's Transportation Needs

In 2017, Eigel Served On The 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force. (Missouri State Senate, [21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force Page](#), Accessed 5/22/23)

21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force

Final Report



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In 2018, The Task Force Released An 87-Page Report That Called For \$4.3 Billion In Tax Hikes To Fund The State's Transportation Needs. "The 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force recommended a 3-pronged approach to shore up the state's ailing transportation system. In an 87-page report released Monday, task force members called on: an immediate investment

package; a plan for long-term sustainable and diversified transportation funding; and project delivery methods involving public-private partnerships. In Part I of its recommendations, the task force suggested an increase in the state excise tax on gasoline by 10 cents and on diesel by 12 cents per gallon. According to the report, the increased taxes would generate \$4.3 billion over 10 years to improve the state's roads and bridges. 'These adjustments would correct the inflation-driven value loss that has occurred since the motor fuel tax was last raised in Missouri,' the report reads. The task force - created by the General Assembly in last year's session - also recommended the legislature consider the implementation of a \$50 million to \$70 million dedicated revenue stream annually for Missouri's multimodal transportation needs." ([Springfield Business Journal](#), 1/3/18)

The Task Force's Report Also Recommended Several Fee Hikes. "Recognizing the rise of electric and automated vehicles, the task force in Part II gave options beyond a gas tax as the transportation system develops over the next 20 years and beyond. Recommendations include: increased registration fees for electric vehicles; excise fees or taxes on electric charging stations; fee increases for driver's licenses, vehicle registrations and other nonfuel transportation user fees; highway user fees, such as a motor fuel tax; and the dedication of a portion of internet sales taxes for transportation purposes, among other options." ([Springfield Business Journal](#), 1/3/18)

\$276 MILLION/YR. PETROLEUM SURCHARGE

In 2020, Eigel Proposed Failed Tax Overhaul Legislation (SB 573) That Included A Provision To Impose A Petroleum Surcharge. (SB 573, [Bill Summary](#), Accessed 1/15/24)

SB 573	Imposes a petroleum products surcharge and reduces the income tax rate		
Sponsor:	Eigel	LR Number:	3563S.021
Committee:	Ways and Means	Last Action:	2/13/2020 - SCS Voted Do Pass S Ways and Means Committee (3563S.03C)
Journal Page:		Title:	
Calendar		Effective Date:	August 28, 2020
Position:			

Current Bill Summary

SCS/SB 573 - This act modifies several provisions relating to taxation.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, this act reduces the top rate of tax by 0.3%, with an eventual top rate of tax of 4.8%. (Section 143.011)

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SURCHARGE

Beginning January 1, 2021, this act imposes a surcharge on all motor fuel and alternative fuel imported or removed from this state, as described in the act. The surcharge shall be imposed at a rate of \$210 per eight thousand gallons or the nearest power potential equivalent to that of regular grade gasoline, with such rate to increase over a period of four years until such rate is \$480 per eight thousand gallons or the nearest power potential equivalent to that of regular grade gasoline for all years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

All revenue generated by the assessment of such surcharges shall be deposited in the State Road Fund. (Section 414.162)

Amendments

No Amendments Found.

- The Fiscal Note For SB 573 Estimated That The Petroleum Surcharge Would Eventually Generate \$276 Million/Yr. (SB 573, [Bill Summary](#) – Fiscal Note, Accessed 1/15/24)

Per information from the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA), there were 4,611,971,128 gallons of petroleum products within Missouri during Fiscal Year 2019 that would have been subject to this surcharge. Therefore, B&P estimates that this proposal will increase revenues to the State Road Fund (0320) by \$276.7 million once fully implemented in Tax Year 2025. The following table shows the surcharge rate and estimated revenue impact.

Table 3: Petroleum Surcharge Revenue by Tax Year

Tax Year	Surcharge	Impact to State Road Fund
2021	\$210 per 8,000 gallons	\$110,975,555
2022	\$300 per 8,000 gallons	\$168,625,194
2023	\$390 per 8,000 gallons	\$220,509,870
2024	\$480 per 8,000 gallons	\$272,394,545
2025	\$480 per 8,000 gallons	\$276,718,268

SALES TAX HIKES

“Not Opposed To Consumption Taxes”

AUDIO: During A July 2017 Interview, Eigel Said, “I’m Not Opposed To Consumption Taxes.” Eigel: “I’m not opposed to consumption taxes.” ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 6/22/17; 39:39 Mark)

47% Sales Tax Hike

In 2019, Eigel Sponsored Failed Tax Overhaul Legislation (SB 52) That Included A 47% Sales Tax Hike. The Left-Leaning Missouri Budget Project Criticized Eigel’s Bill As A Tax Hike On Low-Income Missourians. “...Eigel, who has developed a reputation for pushing to cut taxes, presented SB 52 to the Senate Ways & Means Committee on Tuesday morning. The bill aims to transition Missouri away from an income tax to a consumption tax in a revenue neutral way. But the problem, according to one opponent, is that the bill in its current form is a tax increase on Missourians making \$100,000 or less. ‘As of right now, it impacts low wage workers more than probably intended,’ said Brian Colby with the Missouri Budget Project. Another person who testified against the measure noted that ‘from a business perspective, it is not revenue neutral,’ while another said that since Missouri is not in a growth mode, ‘it is time to put a pause on tax cuts.’ Under Eigel’s proposal, the state sales tax would increase 2 percent from 4.225 percent to 6.225 percent while slowly decreasing the top individual income tax to 4 percent.” ([The Missouri Times](#), 2/12/19)

Online Sales Tax

In 2019, Eigel Sponsored Failed Legislation (SB 50) To Impose An Online Sales Tax On Retailers And Use The Revenue To Cut Income Taxes. “Two Missouri Senators are promoting similar plans to tax online retailers who make sales in the state. Sen. Andrew Koenig, R-St. Louis County, and Sen. Bill Eigel, R-St. Charles County, have introduced bills that would establish a sales tax economic nexus, which would require online retailers to pay a Missouri sales tax on purchases delivered to the state. The U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling last June in South Dakota v. Wayfair stated that even if a business doesn’t have a physical presence in a state, it can be required to pay sales tax after surpassing the state’s economic threshold. Currently, Missouri consumers are legally required to file a use tax return if they spend more than \$2,000 on out-of-state purchases within a calendar year. It’s unclear how many Missourians are surpassing this threshold, but Eigel and Koenig’s bills would shift that use tax from the consumer to large companies that surpass either \$100,000 in sales or 200 separate transactions in a calendar year. ... Eigel is the sponsor of SB 50, which proposes a single tax rate of 6.5 percent to be collected from internet sellers outside of the state. ... Both SB 46 and SB 50 would use the revenue from online-sales tax to trigger a cut to the income tax rate. In December, Gov. Mike Parson estimated that such taxes could generate \$100 to \$150 million in additional

revenue for the state. Proponents of both bills believed that an economic nexus law would level the playing field between Missouri retailers and large online retailers.” ([Missouri Business Alert](#), 2/7/19)

In May 2021, Eigel Voted For A Parson-Signed Bill (SBs 153, 97) To Allow The State To Collect Online Sales Taxes. “...Parson signed Senate Bills 153 and 97 during a ceremony at the State Capitol in Jefferson City on Wednesday, June 30. SB 153 and SB 97 allows Missouri and local jurisdictions to collect an online use tax. Missouri is the last state to require out-of-state online stores to collect sales taxes on residents’ purchases. Gov. Parson said the measures, known as the Wayfair legislation, will help protect the state’s brick and mortar businesses. ... Currently, Missouri businesses are required to pay sales and use taxes to other states, but out-of-state businesses selling to Missourians do not. Collection and payments of the tax goes into effect on January 1, 2023.” ([KFVS](#), 6/30/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/13/21, Vote On SB 153: 25-4, Eigel Voted Yea)

TAX HIKE ON PRIVATE COLLEGE ENDOWMENTS

In 2019, Eigel Sponsored Failed Legislation (SB 188) To Impose A \$158 Million Tax On Private College Endowments Over The Objections Of St. Louis University And Washington University Officials, Who Noted Endowments Funded Scholarships And Lifesaving Medical Research. “...Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, squared off Tuesday with two Democratic colleagues on the Senate Ways & Means Committee over a proposed tax on private university endowments. Eigel, vice-chairman of the committee, is pushing a bill to tax endowments worth \$400 million or more at private universities with enrollments of at least 10,000 students. Only two schools — St. Louis University and Washington University — fit that category. If enacted, the \$158.9 million in revenue would be used to offset most of a cut in the top income tax rate estimated to reduce state revenues by \$185 million. State Sens. Lauren Arthur, D-Kansas City, and Jamilah Nasheed, D-St. Louis, told Eigel during the hearing the bill would stifle innovation at Missouri’s private universities. Missouri’s top tax rate this year is 5.4 percent and will be cut further to 5.1 percent as state revenue grows enough to trigger additional cuts already in the law. If passed, the bill would drop the top income tax rate by an additional 0.2 percent and impose a 1.9 percent tax on endowments of at least \$400 million. ... ‘I think the good that this produces by a handful of organizations that have these private endowments is outweighed by the good that a tax cut would be for the entire state of Missouri,’ Eigel told Nasheed. ‘These are folks that are already paying taxes. I think that outweighs the good of the few.’ ... The endowments allow universities to fund research that can save lives, Arthur said during the hearing. Eigel countered that tax breaks for private universities represent special interests because government gives these private institutions tax breaks other private entities do not get. Representatives of the two universities targeted by the bill sought to convince the committee that the endowments create more benefit to the state than the proposed new tax. ... Kveskin said Washington University uses its endowment to invest in scholarships, professorial jobs and research. The proposed tax would cost Washington University \$140 million per year, Kveskin said. ‘This seriously erodes our ability to provide scholarships and to provide medical research,’ Kveskin told the committee. ‘The endowment is a key driver of our ability to support financially under-resourced students.’ SLU uses its endowment to provide a permanent scholarship fund, Heimburger said. If passed, the bill could scare off donors, Heimburger said. ‘To allow the state to redirect these funds to pay a tax would be in violation of many of those donor agreements,’ Heimburger told the committee.” ([Columbia Daily Tribune](#), 4/3/19; SB 188, [Bill Summary](#), Accessed 1/15/24)

FLIP-FLOP ON RENEWING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TAX

While Eigel Voted In Favor Of The 2021 Renewal Of A Health Care Provider Tax That Funds Missouri's Medicaid Program, He Said He Would Oppose The Tax's Renewal In 2024

In June 2021, Eigel Voted For a Parson-Signed Bill (SB 1) To Renew A Tax On Health Care Providers That Funds Missouri's Medicaid Program. "Senators spent more than 14 hours in session Friday to perfect a piece of legislation that renews an important tax which funds the state's Medicaid program. Lawmakers were called back to Jefferson City Wednesday for a special session to renew the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) tax. The tax is paid by healthcare providers like hospitals and brings in \$1.6 billion for MO HealthNet. The federal government then nearly doubles the tax, bringing in a total of almost \$4 billion for Medicaid. ... Just before midnight Friday, a new substitute was perfected. It was nearly a clean FRA bill with a 3-year extension and no language about defunding Planned Parenthood or abortion providers. There is language in the legislation that prohibits abortifacients, but it doesn't specify them like previous versions. Instead, it says 'any abortifacient drug or device that is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion.' Members adjourned before midnight and returned at 12:30 a.m. to vote on the bill. Eighteen Republicans joined the ten Democrats to pass SB 1, 28-5." ([Fox 2](#), 6/26/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 6/26/21, Vote On SB 1: 28-5, Eigel Voted Yea)

In January 2024, Eigel Said He Would Oppose Legislation To Renew The Tax On Health Care Providers He Voted To Support In 2021. "Missouri lawmakers must renew a key tax measure this year, or the state will lose billions of federal dollars. This program allows the state to get reimbursed for Medicaid payments, but it expires in 2024. 'If we don't get it passed, I don't think our budget can absorb a \$3.5 to \$4 billion hit. I think it's important,' said Speaker of the House Dean Plocher. ... Under the program, hospitals, nursing homes, ambulance companies, and pharmacies pay the state a special tax, which the state then uses to draw down a larger amount of federal dollars. That money serves as the primary funding source for MoHealthNet and frees up billions of dollars of Missouri's general revenue to spend on other priorities. ... The last time it was up for renewal, in 2021, some members of the far-right 'conservative caucus' held-up the bill over an amendment to block reimbursement for contraceptive medication and any reimbursement to Planned Parenthood. That move forced the assembly to return to Jefferson City that summer for a special session – where the FRA was eventually renewed without those amendments. ... The 'Freedom Caucus' comprises many of the same members as the now-disbanded 'conservative caucus.' On Wednesday, those same Republicans did not signal cooperation. 'The time for compromising, the time for looking for reasons to back down is over,' said state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Springs." ([KFVS](#), 1/5/24)

In February 2024, Eigel Called The FRA A "Pyramid Scheme." "Eigel on Tuesday called the FRA a 'pyramid scheme' and a poor way to fund the state's hospitals. 'I believe in this thing called the free market system,' he said. 'And I think that the hospitals ought to engage in that instead of looking for government subsidies every time they turn around.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 2/7/24)

FORCING COUNTIES TO INCREASE TAXES

In March 2017, Franklin County Officials Blasted A Failed Eigel Bill (SB 457) To Place 7,000 Miles Of Roads Under County Control With No Accompanying Funds. Such A Move Would Have Forced Counties To Raise Taxes Or Face Crippling Financial Consequences. "Franklin County commissioners are against a Senate bill, which would put 7,000 miles of roads back under county control and the counties would then be responsible for their maintenance. A hearing was held last week on SB 457, sponsored by St. Charles Republican Bill Eigel, in an effort to generate more transportation funding for roads statewide. The bill proposes the creation of the Interstate 70 Improvement Fund, and would allocate 8 percent of state revenues from general sales and use taxes into that fund and 2

percent into the state road fund for 10 years. This act says the State Highways & Transportation Commission would not take over roads that are not eligible for federal financial aid, and directs the State Highways and Transportation Commission to convey those roads to County Highway Commissions no later than August 2022. County First District Commissioner Tim Brinker calls the proposed legislation ridiculous. 'We are vehemently opposed to this legislation,' he said. 'It is appalling for Sen. Eigel to file legislation like this and I hope it never sees the light of day. I will be contacting any and all offices to let them know how we feel about this.' ... 'If this happens, it would turn our financial road scenario upside down,' Brinker said. 'We are not in any position, nor is any county, to take over these roads.' Even with a 2017 highway budget of \$21.4 million, Highway Administrator Ron Williams said he couldn't fathom trying to maintain the additional roads, which would increase their workload by 50 to 70 percent. 'We are already stretched thin as it is,' Williams said. 'How are they planning on turning them over to us? What condition would they be in? It would be a burden on the taxpayers of Franklin County. We couldn't handle it with our current system. It just wouldn't be prudent.' Williams added taking on additional roads without additional funding could cripple smaller counties, who do not have a full-time administrator or engineer on staff. ... 'It's not bad to have these types of discussions, but it is not a solution,' [Sen. Dave] Schatz said. 'You are just shifting the burden from the state to the counties.' Schatz added the new burden would be overwhelming, especially to rural counties with smaller populations." ([The Missourian](#), 3/24/17)

HIGHER ELECTRICITY BILLS

In October 2017, Eigel Tried To Dispel Concerns About Provisions In A Failed Bill (SB 190) To Allow Utilities To Increase Customer Bills To Pay For Electrical Grid Updates By Claiming Ameren Could Be Trusted To Keep Rates Low. "So what can Missouri do to protect itself from such an attack? We don't quite know. But an amendment to SB 190 by Sen. Bill Eigel, wants to change that. 'This was the one that we attached to the utilities legislation, SB 190, that called for a study to be done on the impact and vulnerability to potentially an EMP assault on our grid in Missouri,' Sen. Eigel said. ... He anticipates the study to take one to two years to accomplish and emphasizes the need for physical security of Missouri's electrical grid. ... One of the biggest conditions on conducting the study is passing the SB 190: the Missouri Economic Development & Infrastructure Act. The goal of the bill seeks to task private companies to update Missouri's electric grid, but doing so would raise monthly utility rates and give economic development riders to large companies. 'The problem is that really no utilities legislation has moved through the chamber in some time. Our inability to move anything is impacting,' Eigel said. 'We're going to have to overcome some of the objections to even talking about utilities until we get anywhere.' According to Eigel, some of the objections he's seen to SB 190 are worried about a lack of governmental accountability to keep utility rates down. However, because of his personal experience, he feels Ameren can be trusted. 'I've gotten to know Ameren pretty well: I've toured their facilities, I've heard about their plans about what they want to as far as restructuring the utilities environment and they're a great partner for us. They want low rates as much as we want low rates for our customers and consumers.' ... While Eigel has considered his threat assessment study a separate bill, he feels optimistic about SB 190 passing and thinks it will be easier to add it as an amendment. 'We're going to take a look at both. Certainly, I've got increasing hopes that we're going to get something done on the utilities bill,' Eigel says. 'We have some optimism that we're going to get something done and really that's the best place for that amendment to go one. That's my number one hope.'" ([The Missouri Times](#), 10/6/17)

Misleading Missouri Voters About His Record Of Supporting Tax Hikes

In February 2023, Eigel Attacked LG Mike Kehoe For Supporting Sales And Gas Tax Hikes And Claimed, "I Have Opposed Every Jefferson City Effort To Make Your Gas More Expensive. Republicans DO NOT RAISE TAXES." "In one ad, Eigel criticizes Kehoe for sponsoring a sales tax increase in 2014 that would have gone to fund road and bridge construction. The ad also hits Kehoe for a pair of proposed gas tax hikes that were proposed after he left the legislature, including one passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Mike Parson in 2021 increasing the fuel tax by 12.5-cents-a-gallon. 'I have opposed every Jefferson City effort to make your gas more expensive,' Eigel writes in the digital ad. 'Republicans DO NOT RAISE TAXES.'" ([Missouri Independent](#), 2/20/23)

Eliminating The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles

In The State Senate, Eigel Has Repeatedly Sponsored Failed Legislation To End Missouri's Personal Property Tax On Vehicles, Which Has Raised Concerns About Defunding Local Police, Fire Departments, Ambulance Districts And Schools

In 2021, Eigel Sponsored Failed Legislation (SB 24) To Phase Out Missouri's Personal Property Tax On Vehicles, Which Was Estimated To Cost Local Governments \$1.4 Billion And Drain \$6.4 Million From The State's Blind Pension Program. Critics Feared Eigel's Bill, Which Included No Option For Local Governments To Offset The Cuts, Would Defund Police Departments. "A bid to scrap Missouri's personal property tax on vehicles and other items ran into Republican and Democratic opposition Monday. The measure, which would cost local governments an estimated \$1.4 billion in revenue, would bring the state in line with 29 others that do not have the tax. But, it failed to advance after hours of debate and closed-door negotiations. Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, who is sponsoring the plan, said the reduction in revenue would be softened by phasing out the tax over time. ... A fiscal analysis of the legislation says the change could reduce local government revenue statewide by up to \$1.45 billion in 2027 and take more than \$6.4 million away from the state's Blind Pension program. ... Sen. Dan Hegeman, the Republican chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee also raised questions about the effect of the elimination on local police funding and other locally provided government service. Eigel acknowledged the elimination could hurt local government coffers initially, but said it also could trigger a jump in local sales tax revenue if people have extra money to spend. He also said property taxes on homes and land also are rising at a rapid clip, which could produce revenue to replace the loss of the personal property tax. There were concerns raised on the Senate floor that Eigel's predictions could be too hopeful. 'We've seen a bust in the housing market,' said Hegeman, R-Cosby. Hegeman also suggested that the legislation would defund the police. 'What particularly concerns me is law enforcement. This effort to take resources away from local law enforcement gives me pause,' Hegeman said. ...The legislation is Senate Bill 24." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 3/8/21)

In February 2022, Eigel Pushed Another Failed Bill (SB 649) To Eliminate The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles – This Time In St. Charles County – Despite Concerns About Cuts To Fire Departments And Schools. "[Eigel] cleared an important hurdle in his drive to practically eliminate personal property taxes. He wanted to do away with the tax on cars, trucks, boats, and the like for the entire State of Missouri. But a fellow senator had an amendment making it apply only to St. Charles County where Eigel is. Eigel said his legislation would reduce the tax to practically zero, but that worries a lot of agencies who say they depend on that money. St. Charles County collected \$115.5 million in personal property taxes in 2021. At least \$78 million went to the county's six school districts, while

\$12.5 million went to 10 fire districts. Millions were also sent to the ambulance district, the library board, and to the agency set up to help those with disabilities. Cottleville's Fire Protection District Chief Skip Stephens testified against the legislation at a Senate hearing. 'My concern is there's no plan to replace the revenue. Senate Bill 649 would reduce the funding for all of the fire and EMS agencies in St. Charles County to the tune of 16 to 18 percent,' said Stephens. ... Eigel said he's confident he'll get it across the finish line even as dozens of groups in St. Charles County fight to block it." ([KTVI](#), 2/16/22, SB 649, [Bill Summary](#), Accessed 1/13/24)

In April 2022, Officials From Across St. Charles County Stated Their Opposition To Eigel's Bill, Which They Deemed An Effort To Defund Public Services. "St. Charles County officials met Friday in St. Peters to call on state lawmakers to stop a proposal they described as 'defunding' the county's public services. Their call is a response to legislation proposed by state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, that is designed to eventually phase out St. Charles County's personal property taxes. ... The proposal specifically applies to St. Charles County to test the new taxation structure and does not include a funding mechanism to replace the lost revenue. ... Representatives from the county's local governments, school districts, fire departments, ambulance department and disabilities services, along with area residents, gathered Friday morning at a St. Charles County Municipal League forum on Eigel's proposal to express their opposition. Eigel, who did not attend the forum, has argued the personal property tax is inefficient and a burden on 'working and middle-income households.' Opponents said Friday taking away the tax would irresponsibly throw funding for vital safety, education and other services into uncertain territory. 'This is something that will affect the quality of life of everyone here,' St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano said. St. Charles County Assessor Scott Shipman said the exceptionally complicated proposed system would ultimately cause a redistribution of taxation, 'picking winners and losers' based on the type of property owned. ... Officials said they were 'terrified' when the measure passed the Senate and felt it was necessary to make the dangers of the proposal abundantly clear. The local representatives described in detail what would be cut, emphasizing the effects of potential reductions in teachers' salaries, fire station closures and lost library and disability services. 'There's a reason people come to this community to live, and the people at the front of this room are responsible for that,' said Kelly Cope, chief of the St. Charles County Ambulance District. 'The problem with this tax reduction, this defunding, is that we wouldn't be able to do the job we need to, nor would we be able to do them the way that the public expects.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 4/9/22)

- **Republican Lawmakers From St. Charles County Believed Eigel's Bill Was Not Fully Worked Out And Would Not Pass.** "Of the 12 state legislators representing the area who were invited, four attended the event — Rep. Richard West, R-Wentzville; Rep. Tony Lovasco, R-O'Fallon; Rep. John Wiemann, R-O'Fallon; and Rep. Ron Hicks, R-Defiance. The lawmakers expressed discontent with the current personal property tax system, to different degrees, but broadly agreed Eigel's legislation was not fully worked out and would not pass this year. 'In my opinion, you know, TV commercials saying 'Hey, I'm for the elimination of personal property tax' might help out for elections, might help out for some publicity,' said Wiemann, 'but the reality is it's not going to pass.' Wiemann, the House speaker pro tem, said in talking to several local officials, he'd made promises the legislation would not pass, 'at least as it stands now.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 4/9/22)

VIDEO: During A May 2023 Appearance On "This Week In Missouri Politics," Eigel Defended His Continued Push To Eliminate The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles With No Offsets For Funding Losses Incurred By Schools And Fire Departments. Q: "Do you close schools [without personal property taxes]? What do you do?" Eigel: "Of all the problems I'm worried about in the state, none

of them have to do with government not having enough of our cash right now. In fact, every one of those schools, every one of those fire departments, every one of those local government entities - adjusted for inflation - has never had more of our taxpayer money than they have right now." ... Q: "You know that if you cut what you bring in, at some point you have to cut what you buy." Eigel: "Yes, but we have so much money in government right now." ([This Week In Missouri Politics](#), 5/6/23; 5:15 Mark)

In 2024, Eigel Is Campaigning For Governor As A Champion Of Eliminating The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles With No Regard For The Financial Impact On Local Governments

Since Eigel Announced His 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign, He Has Continued To Push For The Elimination Of The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles With No Regard For The Financial Impact On Local Governments. "He's [Eigel] made axing the personal property tax a part of his primary campaign for governor, and used fiery rhetoric to compare the tax to 'paying rent to the government for the crime of owning a car.' Eigel has sponsored or backed a number of proposals to slash, reduce, or outright abolish the personal property tax Missouri law requires on used cars, vehicles, and other large machines. But that money goes to local governments, which use it to fund things like police, fire and emergency response. To date, Eigel has not specified or explained how he'd replenish the coffers of local governments after cutting off one of their primary funding streams. One of his Republican rivals, Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, 'will never recklessly defund the police who keep our communities safe like some candidates are suggesting,' his campaign said in a statement. 'Lt. Governor Kehoe is a law and order, tax-cutting conservative who has helped enact billions of dollars in tax cuts for Missourians,'" his campaign spokesman said. "He will support a plan that eliminates the personal property tax while protecting funding for first responders because his highest priority is keeping Missourians safe and our future secure.'" ([KSDK](#), 12/6/23)

- In 2024, Eigel Is Sponsoring Legislation (SB 733) To Eliminate The Personal Property Tax On Vehicles With No Regard For The Financial Impact On Local Governments. "A state senator from St. Charles County faced familiar opposition Tuesday in his quest to cut the annual tax Missourians pay on their vehicles, boats and campers. State Sen. Bill Eigel, a Weldon Spring Republican who is running for governor, said during a Tuesday committee hearing the personal property tax was 'hammering' Missourians. Under his legislation, 'You won't have to pay rent to the government every Dec. 1 for the crime of owning a car.' But representatives from several St. Charles County taxing districts spoke out against Eigel's bill, a sign of obstacles to come as proponents attempt to push the phaseout to Gov. Mike Parson's desk. Kelly Cope, chief of the St. Charles County Ambulance District; Tom Vineyard, chief of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District; and Skip Stephens, chief of the Cottleville Fire Protection District, all spoke out against the legislation. 'Our biggest concern is related to the implementation of the bill,' Cope said, adding there would be difficulty in managing funding changes. All three also testified against last year's plan by Eigel to slash the personal property tax. Nancy Pennington, director of the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services, said local developmental disabilities boards are funded through property taxes and that 'we're concerned about any cut to those funding revenues.' ... The legislation is Senate Bill 733." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/17/24)

Opposition To Tax Relief

TAX BREAKS ON DIAPERS & FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

In The State Senate, Eigel Has Repeatedly Voted Against Measures To Provide Tax Breaks On Diapers And Feminine Hygiene Products

In May 2018, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 1831) To Add Diapers To The State's Sales Tax Holiday. "Today, Governor Parson signed his first bills as the Governor of Missouri. He signed into law HB 1831, HB 2101, SB 593, SB 594, and SB 782. ... The following bills were signed today: HB 1831 – Changes the laws regarding the sales tax holiday that occurs in early August by adding an exemption for disposable diapers." (Gov. Mike Parson, [Press Release](#), 6/22/18; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/18/18, Vote On HB 1831: 18-13, Eigel Voted Nay)

In March 2020, Eigel Voted Against An Amendment To Provide Sales Tax Relief For The Purchase Of Diapers And Feminine Hygiene Products. (Missouri State Senate Journal, 3/11/20, Vote On SA 2 To SB 648: 18-11, Eigel Voted Nay)

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amend Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 648, Page 32, Section 144.014, Line 2 of said page, by inserting immediately after said line the following:

"144.016. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Personal Period Products and Diaper Sales Tax Relief Act".

2. Beginning October 1, 2020, the tax levied and imposed under this chapter on all retail sales of feminine hygiene products, diapers, and incontinence products shall be levied at a rate that shall not exceed the sales tax rate levied on the retail sale of food under section 144.014.

3. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Diapers", absorbent garments worn by infants or toddlers who are not toilet-trained or by individuals who are incapable of controlling their bladder or bowel movements;

(2) "Feminine hygiene products", tampons, pads, liners, and cups;

(3) "Incontinence products", products designed specifically for hygiene matters related to urinary incontinence, including but not limited to, adult diapers."; and

In April 2023, Eigel Voted Against A Bill (SB 143) To Provide Tax Relief For Diapers, Feminine Hygiene Products And Food Pantry Donations. "The Missouri Senate passed two separate tax relief bills Thursday as part of a bipartisan compromise effort. SB 143, sponsored by Sen. Doug Beck, D-Affton, is a combination of tax credits and exemptions pushed for by Democrats. The bill raises the tax credit limit for food pantry donations, exempts diapers and feminine hygiene products from sales tax and gives tax credits for consumers buying groceries in food deserts." ([Missouri Independent](#), 4/7/23; Missouri State Senate Journal, 4/6/23, Vote On SB 143: 28-6, Eigel Voted Nay)

TAX CREDITS FOR MISSOURI FARMERS & AGRIBUSINESSES

In October 2022, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 3) To Extend And Create Several Tax Credits To Benefit Missouri Farmers And Agribusinesses. "Governor Parson also signed HB 3 into law, which includes the extension and creation of several agriculture tax credit programs intended to help develop key areas of Missouri's agricultural industry, the state's top economic driver. The sunset for each program is for a minimum of six years. HB 3 includes: Extending the expiration of the meat processing facility investment tax credit; Creating a tax credit program for Missouri retail dealers of higher ethanol blend fuels; Creating a tax credit program for Missouri retail dealers of biodiesel; Creating a tax credit program for Missouri biodiesel producers; Creating a tax credit program for establishing or improving urban farming operations; Extending the expiration of the Rolling Stock Tax Credit program; Extending the expiration of the Agricultural Product Utilization Contributor Tax Credit; Extending the expiration of the New Generation Cooperative Incentive Tax Credit; Extending the Wood Energy Tax Credit program; Exempting utility vehicles for agriculture use from state and

local sales and use taxes; Creating the Specialty Agricultural Crops Act; and Amending the Family Farms Act to modify the definition of small farmer.” (Gov. Mike Parson, [Press Release](#), 10/10/22; Missouri Senate Journal, 10/4/22, Vote On HB 3: 26-3, Eigel Voted Nay)

CHILD CARE TAX CREDITS

In The State Senate, Eigel Has Repeatedly Opposed Republican-Sponsored Legislation To Provide Tax Credits To Ensure Affordable Child Care To Low-Income Missouri Families

In April 2023, Eigel Engaged In A Heated Debate With Democrat Sen. Lauren Arthur Over Failed Child Care Tax Credit Legislation (SB 184). In One Exchange, He Noted Arthur Had No Children. “A heated debate over diapers arose Tuesday on the Senate floor during consideration of a bill providing a state tax credit for child care payments. ‘This bill, Senate Bill 184, authorizes a sales tax exemption for the purpose of diapers,’ said Sen. Lauren Arthur, D-Clay. ‘It includes Bill 509, which authorizes tax credits for child care.’ One in three U.S. families struggles to provide clean diapers for their babies, according to the National Diaper Bank Network. Arthur said the Legislature must address this issue due to the lack of diaper assistance provided by existing state and federal welfare programs. ... As Arthur began explaining the bill, she agreed to answer questions from Sen. Bill Eigel, R-St. Charles, which prompted a contentious hour-long debate between them as he objected to the idea of the tax credits. Part of the tax credit discussed would authorize a credit of up to 75 percent of what a taxpayer pays to child care providers for any child 12 years of age and younger. At times, each of them showed signs of agitation as the two repeatedly clashed, interrupting and talking over one another. The argument came to a head when Eigel directed a question toward Arthur. ‘I actually pay for child care for my two children; how much child care have you paid for in your life?’ Eigel asked. ‘I feel like that’s intended to be a personal attack against me,’ Arthur said in response to Eigel’s inquiry. ‘I don’t have to have children to care about children.’ ... After extensive debate, the bill was moved to the informal calendar for discussion at a later date.” ([Jefferson City News-Tribune](#), 4/6/23)

In October 2023, A Missouri Chamber Of Commerce Official Blamed Eigel For Filibustering A Republican-Sponsored Child Care Tax Credit Bill (HB 870) Earlier That Year. “To pass a package of tax credits designed to expand affordable child care will require getting by the ‘knuckleheads’ in the state Senate, Missouri Chamber of Commerce President Dan Mehan said Wednesday. As he greeted the audience and panelists at a forum on the state’s child care needs in Columbia, Mehan blamed the defeat of a bill crafted as part of Gov. Mike Parson’s legislative package on Republican factionalism in the Missouri Senate. The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Brenda Shields, was one step away from advancing to the Senate floor when filibusters first stalled, then ended, its chances for passage. He singled out Sen. Bill Eigel, a leader amongst senators who regularly engaged in filibusters and a candidate in the GOP gubernatorial primary, for scorn. ‘You can’t go to work if your kids have nowhere to go,’ Mehan told the crowd of about 100 gathered at the University of Missouri’s Center for Family Policy & Research. ‘Due to knuckleheads doing filibusters – Bill Eigel – it didn’t come up for a vote.’ ... During the forum, panelists repeatedly called the situation a crisis for employers and focused on the benefits that could come from Shields’ legislation. The bill offered credits for donations to support child care centers, business investment in child care needs for employees and investments to expand child care facilities. It was part of a package to support child care needs. The tax credit bill will be introduced again in 2024, said Shields, R-St. Joseph.” ([Missouri Independent](#), 10/5/23)

In February 2024, Eigel Opposed House-Approved Child Care Tax Credit Legislation (HB 1488). “Legislation creating tax credits for child care overwhelmingly passed in the Missouri House, but

Republicans in the Freedom Caucus voiced strong resistance. ... House Bill 1488, sponsored by Rep. Brenda Shields, R-St. Joseph, passed 113-39. ... Parson praised both legislators for their efforts to improve Missouri's child care. The bills would allow a taxpayer to claim a credit against their state tax liability for 75% of verified contributions to a child care provider. An employer-provided tax credit would give a taxpayer with two or more employees a credit equal to 30% of qualified child care expenditures paid to a provider. It also would give child care providers with three or more employees a tax credit equal to the employer's withholding tax and up to 30% of the provider's capital expenditures. Shields said Missouri's child care industry is in crisis. ... Eigel, R-Weldon Springs and a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, said the Freedom Caucus supports child care. 'What we don't support are tax credit programs that just lead government into one more aspect of our economy and one more aspect of our culture where we're getting government involved where it doesn't need to be involved,' Eigel said. 'I disagreed vehemently with Governor Parson on this issue. ... I have never been a fan of tax credits in the first place because that is exactly the process where government is giving benefits to some people in the population, but not everybody.'" ([The Center Square](#), 2/9/24)

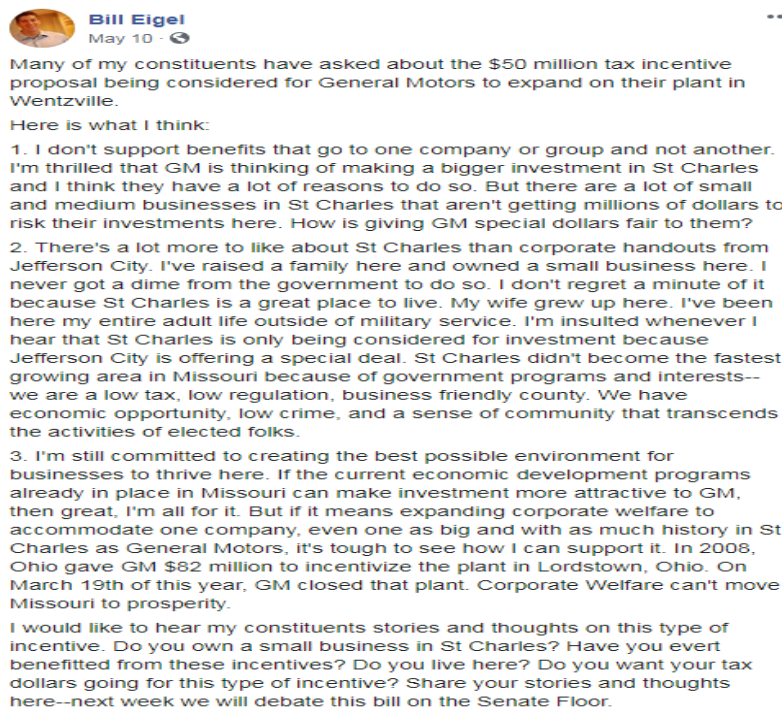
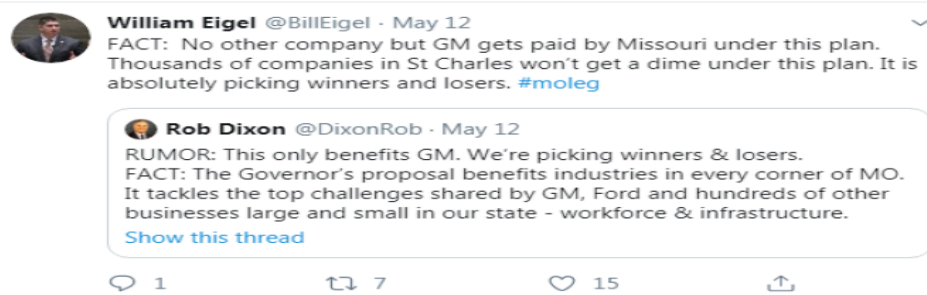
TAX CREDITS FOR GM JOBS IN WENTZVILLE

In 2019, Eigel Filibustered And Voted Against Parson-Signed Legislation That Included \$50 Million In Tax Credits For GM's Expansion Of Its Wentzville Plant, A Scholarship Fund For Adults Returning To College, And Changes To The Missouri Works Tax Credit Program

In May 2019, Eigel Objected To Legislation (SB 68) That Included \$50 Million In Tax Credits For GM's Expansion Of Its Wentzville Plant, A \$10 Million Scholarship Fund For Adults Returning To College, And Changes To The Missouri Works Tax Credit Program. "A group of Missouri Senate Republicans say Gov. Mike Parson is attempting to force passage of his workforce development agenda by falsely claiming that it is essential to persuading General Motors to undertake a \$1 billion expansion of its Wentzville assembly plant in St. Charles County. Parson's package of tax credit and workforce training programs, the centerpiece of his economic development plan, have proven unpopular with a caucus of conservative senators. ... Tensions over the plan rose earlier in the month when Parson announced GM's possible \$1 billion investment in the Wentzville plant, which employs about 3,500 workers and is in or near the districts of several recalcitrant senators. Parson held up his complete workforce development package as the way to cement a deal with the auto giant. The senators contend that only a portion of the governor's plan — \$50 million in tax credits — is needed to entice GM. ... For the Conservative Caucus, it's the other two portions of the bill that give them heartburn. They have been vocal in their opposition to Fast Track, a new \$10 million scholarship fund for adults who want to go back to college. The Conservative Caucus has said the Fast Track will not pass without the attachment of charter school expansion or school vouchers and has pushed for Missouri Works bill to include levying a tax on online sales coupled with a cut to the state's individual income tax. They've also taken issue with changes to Missouri Works, a \$116 million Department of Economic Development program that provides tax credits and relief to companies for capital investment and job creation and retention. Parson has pushed for DED to have a closing fund with clawback provisions so that it can provide the tax incentives up front, instead of upon hitting jobs and capital investment goals. 'I'm not convinced the Fast Track program or the closing fund aspect of the Missouri Works changes are necessary to put a competitive situation in front of General Motors,' state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, said Wednesday." ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/12/19)

- Eigel Compared The Missouri Works Tax Credit Program To A “Slush Fund.” “As part of the package, Parson has folded in authorization for his ‘Fast Track’ scholarship program and a ‘Missouri Works-Deal Closing Fund’ designed to help with attracting businesses. Detractors, including Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, have compared the closing fund to a ‘slush fund.’ ‘I’m not very interested in expanding corporate welfare programs,’ Eigel said Friday, declining to speculate why the governor’s office included two of its top priorities that Eigel opposes in a package designed to draw jobs to Eigel’s county. Eigel said GM has never told him the mechanisms were a major factor in GM’s decision-making process. ‘I think we’ve been a great partner to GM and if we weren’t then they would never be considering additional investment in the first place,’ Eigel said.” (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 5/12/19)

Eigel Claimed The GM Tax Credit Legislation Was “Corporate Welfare” And Was “Absolutely Picking Winners And Losers.” (Bill Eigel, Twitter, 5/12/19; Bill Eigel, Facebook, 5/10/19)



Later In May 2019, Eigel Participated In A Nearly 28-Hour Filibuster In A Failed Attempt To Block The Bill (SB 68) That Included The GM Tax Credits. He Later Voted Against The Bill. “A nearly 28-hour filibuster of what is usually a simple procedural step ended Tuesday night with a big win for Missouri Gov. Mike Parson. Over the objection of a group of six Republicans, the state Senate approved a major economic development package that extended a tax credit for General Motors, which is considering a \$750 million expansion of its plant in Wentzville. Also included is a program to

fund training for adults in 'high-need' jobs, and a deal-closing fund that allows for up-front tax breaks to companies considering expansion. The Senate had been held up since 2:30 p.m. Monday when the Conservative Caucus - Eric Burlison, R-Battlefield, Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, Andrew Koenig, R-St. Louis County, Denny Hoskins, R-Warrensburg, Cindy O'Laughlin, R-Shelbina and Bob Onder, R-Lake St. Louis - launched a filibuster over what they called misguided economic policies. ... All six Conservative Caucus members, along with Ed Emery, R-Lamar and Jill Schupp, D-Creve Coeur, voted no. Parson called the passage of the incentives 'a complete victory for Missourians and jobs in every corner of the state.'" ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/14/19; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/13/19, Vote On SB 68: 25-8, Eigel Voted Nay)

- During The Filibuster, Eigel Compared The Bill To Soviet-Era Policies. "Kicking off the filibuster early Monday afternoon, Eigel said, 'Where SB 68 falls short is the fact that they have added things to SB 68 which clearly, in my mind, are not necessary for the overall GM deal. 'SB 68 says the government knows what's best for you,' Eigel said, arguing the former Soviet Union 'went broke' because it believed 'the government knew better than the people' at the time. 'SB 68 is a step along that direction.'" ([The Missouri Times](#), 5/14/19)

In December 2019, GM Announced It Would Invest \$1.5 Billion And Retain 4,000 Jobs At Its Wentzville Plant Due, In Part, To The Approval Of The Eigel-Opposed Tax Credits. However, Eigel Maintained His Opposition To The Incentives. "General Motors announced Friday it will invest \$1.5 billion in its Wentzville plant to support production of its next generation of midsize pickup trucks. During a press event, GM President Mark Reuss - who started his GM career at the plant - said the company will retain 4,000 full-time jobs as a result of the move. ... The announcement comes after tense negotiations with lawmakers, including Missouri Gov. Mike Parson. ... Parson said the deal is one of the largest single private-sector investments in the state's history. That's thanks in part to tax incentives, which will total \$50 million over 10 years. In order to secure them, GM is required to make an initial investment of \$500 million for the first five years. It can receive a maximum of \$5 million annually. The company can only continue receiving incentives as long as it retains 90% of current jobs. The company's Wentzville plant employs about 4,000 hourly and 330 salaried employees. ... Even though the plant isn't expected to cut jobs now, state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, still opposes the incentives. 'I don't think General Motors deserves a dime of government benefit that every other company in the state of Missouri doesn't get,' he said. 'Right now, the difference between all of those small businesses that employ a dozen folks and General Motors is that General Motors is a lot bigger. Well, being a lot bigger and having a lot of special interest influence in Jefferson City is not a good reason why you should get a benefit.'" ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 12/13/19)

LOWER ELECTRICITY RATES TO ATTRACT METAL MANUFACTURERS TO MISSOURI

In May 2017, Eigel Protested And Voted Against Greitens-Signed Legislation (HB 1) To Lower Electricity Rates To Attract Metal Manufacturers To Missouri – Namely To Reopen The Noranda Plant In The Bootheel. "His fellow senator, Bill Eigel, had argued on the floor earlier in the day that the [Noranda] legislation creates imbalances in the free market system, saying it 'ultimately hurts everyone else.' Opponents testifying against the bill Thursday afternoon questioned its overall effect and called it an economic development tax on ratepayers. 'If you have a business model that only works by getting corporate welfare, it's not a viable business model,' Sen. Andrew Koenig said on the Senate floor. His point echoed that of Eigel, saying that HB 1 could potentially raise the rates of Ameren Missouri customers." ([The Missouri Times](#), 5/25/17; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/26/17, Vote On HB 1: 24-5, Eigel Voted Nay)

STATE SPENDING

State Budget Votes

OVERVIEW

In The State Senate, Eigel Has Gone From Supporting Most Annual Republican-Sponsored Budget Bills In 2017 And 2018 To Voting Against Them All In 2020 And 2023. He Was Absent With Leave During The Final Budget Votes In 2022. (Missouri State Senate Journals, 2017-2023, Accessed 1/20/24)

	2017 Eigel Votes (5/4/17)	2018 Eigel Votes (5/9/18)	2019 Eigel Votes (5/9/19)	2020 Eigel Votes (5/8/20)	2021 Eigel Votes (5/7/21)	2022 Eigel Votes (5/6/22)	2023 Eigel Votes (5/5/23)
DESE	Yes (HB 2)	Yes (HB 2002)	Yes (HB 2)	No (HB 2002)	No (HB 2)	Absent (HB 3002)	No (HB 2)
Dept. Of Higher Ed.	Yes (HB 3)	Yes (HB 2003)	Yes (HB 3)	No (HB 2003)	No (HB 3)	Absent (HB 3003)	No (HB 3)
DOR & DOT	Yes (HB 4)	Yes (HB 2004)	Yes (HB 4)	No (HB 2004)	No (HB 4)	Absent (HB 3004)	No (HB 4)
Dept. Of Public Safety, OA, DOT	No (HB 5)	Yes (HB 2005)	Yes (HB 5)	No (HB 2005)	No (HB 5)	Absent (HB 3005)	No (HB 5)
Dept. Of Ag, DNR, DOC	Yes (HB 6)	Yes (HB 2006)	No (HB 6)	No (HB 2006)	No (HB 6)	Absent (HB 3006)	No (HB 6)
EcoDevo, Insurance, DOLR	Yes (HB 7)	Absent (HB 2007)	Yes (HB 7)	No (HB 2007)	No (HB 7)	Absent (HB 3007)	No (HB 7)
Dept. Of Public Safety	Yes (HB 8)	Yes (HB 2008)	No (HB 8)	No (HB 2008)	Yes (HB 8)	Absent (HB 3008)	No (HB 8)
Department Of Corrections	Yes (HB 9)	No (HB 2009)	Yes (HB 9)	No (HB 2009)	Yes (HB 9)	Absent (HB 3009)	No (HB 9)
Mental Health, DHSS, Board Of Public Buildings	Yes (HB 10)	Yes (HB 2010)	No (HB 10)	No (HB 2010)	Yes (HB 10)	Absent (HB 3010)	No (HB 10)
Dept. Of Social Services	No (HB 11)	No (HB 2011)	No (HB 11)	No (HB 2011)	Yes (HB 11)	Absent (HB 3011)	No (HB 11)
Judiciary, Statewide Officials, GA	Yes (HB 12)	No (HB 2012)	No (HB 12)	No (HB 2012)	Yes (HB 12)	Absent (HB 3012)	No (HB 12)

In Recent Years. Eigel Has Become Increasing Vocal In His Opposition To Republican-Sponsored And Parson-Signed State Budgets

In April 2022, Eigel Called A Pending State Budget, Which Banned Funds For Planned Parenthood, Increased School Funding And Provided Teachers With Raises, The "Death Of Fiscal Conservatism." "Missouri senators on Tuesday passed a roughly \$46 billion state budget plan bolstered by federal funding that includes extra money for K-12 public school busing and teacher pay raises. ... The Senate version includes \$214 million more than the House in funding for public K-12 busing, which Democratic Sen. Lauren Arthur said could spare cash-strapped school districts from going to 4-day school weeks. The latest version of the budget also includes about \$32 million to help school districts subsidize teacher pay. ... Other provisions of the budget include a \$42 million increase in funding for public 4-year colleges and universities compared to this year, as well as a \$10 million increase for community colleges. ... Eigel called for a moment of silence on the Senate floor for the 'death of fiscal conservatism.' Eigel said the budget includes 'every wasteful instance of spending that could be thought of by 34 different members' of the Senate. The budget also includes a ban on using state spending to reimburse Planned Parenthood, including clinics that do not provide abortions, for health care for low-income Medicaid patients." ([The Associated Press](#), 4/26/22)

- Eigel Also Called The Pending Budget "The Death Knell Of Fiscal Conservatism." However, He Was Listed As "Absent With Leave" When The Final Budget Votes Were Cast In May 2022. "That brought Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, to his feet to denounce the spending plan as 'the

death knell of fiscal conservatism' in the state. The budget, he said, funds 'everything from dinosaur museums for kids to every wasteful instance of spending that could be thought of by 34 members.'" ([Missouri Independent](#), 4/26/22)

In March 2023, Eigel Said, "And Right Now, There Doesn't Seem To Be Any Fiscal Restraint From Any Source Of Leadership In The Legislature Or The Governor's Office." "Last year, Eigel and other members of the conservative caucus criticized the amount of spending in the budget. He said that this year's budget, with many of Parson's proposals receiving support across the aisle, is also concerning. 'I think we've got a big problem. And right now, there doesn't seem to be any fiscal restraint from any source of leadership in the legislature or the governor's office,' Eigel said." ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 3/20/23)

In August 2023, Eigel Said The Parson-Signed Budget For That Year Included Historic Amounts Of Waste And Was "Not A Republican Product." "Eigel went on to say Parson's most recent budget included 'more waste, more earmarks and more spending than any budget in the history of Missouri ... that was not a Republican product,' Eigel said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 8/18/23)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD & VETERANS

Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Department Of Public Safety, Missouri National Guard And Veterans Program Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Public Safety, Missouri National Guard And Veterans Program Budgets. In 2019 And 2023, Eigel Was The Lone Vote Against Such Budgets, And, In 2020, He Was 1 Of 2 Votes Against That Year's Budget. (Missouri State Senate Journals; 5/4/17, Vote On HB 8: 33-0, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2008: 31-0, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 8: 32-1, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2008: 28-2, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 8: 31-0, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/6/22, Vote On HB 3008: 31-2, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 8: 32-1, Eigel Voted Nay)

In Addition To Funding The Missouri Highway Patrol, National Guard And Veterans Homes, The Eigel-Opposed Budgets Included Funding For Highway Patrol Pay Raises And Equipment, School Safety And Cybersecurity Programs, And An Effort To Reduce A Rape Kit Backlog

In 2019, The Eigel-Opposed Public Safety Budget Included \$4 Million To Expand A Missouri National Guard Facility, \$4 Million For Fringe Benefit Increases, \$551,053 For Veterans Home Utility Costs, And Millions Of Dollars For Highway Patrol Cybersecurity, Background Check, And DNA Testing Programs. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY20 Budget Information-HB 8](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$6,000,000 for flood recovery and mitigation.
- \$4,033,872 federal funds and 26 staff to operate the expansion of the Missouri National Guard's AVCRAD aircraft maintenance facility.
- \$4,003,616 for fringe benefit cost increases, including \$819,779 General Revenue.
- \$2,200,000 federal funds and one staff for the 911 Grant Program and a 911 coordinator.
- \$551,053 Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund for Veterans Home utility costs.
- \$500,000 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund for the Missouri State Highway Patrol cybersecurity program.
- \$500,000 Criminal Record System Fund for increased fingerprint-based background checks pursuant to HB 1350 (2018).
- \$500,000 for the purchase of replacement motor vehicles and watercrafts for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.
- \$395,520 and five staff to reduce the estimated analysis time of DNA-related evidence.
- \$325,500 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund for drug toxicology testing equipment to provide accurate testing of synthetic drugs.
- \$317,622 federal funds for enhanced security at the Missouri National Guard's Camp Crowder.
- \$290,622 and two staff for illegal gaming machine investigators.
- \$290,622 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund and two staff for Missouri State Highway Patrol diversity recruitment in Kansas City and St. Louis.
- \$250,000 for the maintenance and repair of the U.S.S. Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

In 2020, The Eigel-Opposed Public Safety Budget Included Over \$12 Million For COVID-19 Emergency Funding, \$2.5 Million For Veterans Housing Assistance, \$1.4 Million For Highway Patrol Fringe Benefit Increases, \$1 Million For A School Safety Program, \$1 Million To Reduce A Rape Kit Backlog, And \$142,576 For New Highway Patrol Officer Equipment. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY21 Budget Information-HB 2008](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$1,260,000,000 federal funds and 199.5 staff to provide all necessary support and assistance to state and local government agencies responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, including acquisition and distribution of necessary health and safety equipment.
- \$11,434,267 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds for distribution of grants used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- \$4,000,000 for non-federal levee rehabilitation.
- \$2,500,000 Veterans Assistance Fund for housing assistance for veterans.
- \$2,262,000 federal funds for pandemic stipends to state employees providing direct care and support to institutionalized individuals during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- \$1,800,000 federal funds for emergency management performance training.
- \$1,452,662 for Missouri State Highway Patrol fringe benefit increases, including \$179,297 General Revenue.
- \$1,000,000 federal funds for the STOP School Violence Program.
- \$1,000,000 federal funds for the reduction of the sexual assault kit backlog.
- \$600,000 federal funds for hazard mitigation assistance.
- \$400,000 federal funds to support emergency medical field operations during disasters.
- \$142,576 for ballistic plates and helmet replacement for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.
- \$100,612 Alcohol and Tobacco Control Fund and one staff for alcohol and tobacco legal support.
- \$100,000 Alcohol and Tobacco Control Fund to complete the Electronic Content Management scan project.
- \$100,000 federal funds for Task Force 1.
- \$50,000 for ongoing maintenance and repair of the U.S.S. Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

In 2023, The Eigel-Proposed Public Safety Budget Included Over \$12 Million For Veterans Home Operations, \$13.1 Million To Increase Highway Patrol Salaries And Fringe Benefits, \$7 Million To Care For First Responders With PTSD, And \$4 Million For A New Highway Patrol Headquarters. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 8](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$260,000,000 federal funds to provide assistance in response to federally declared disasters.
- Support for veterans' home operations:
 - \$10,699,345 to support state veterans' homes to ensure fund solvency.
 - \$1,278,973 to transfer receipts from adult use marijuana from the Veterans' Reinvestment Fund to the Veterans' Home Fund.
 - \$1,000,000 Veterans' Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund to pay for the rising cost of utilities within state veterans' homes and cemeteries.
 - Ongoing core funding of \$13,000,000 proceeds from medical marijuana taxes.
- \$13,100,429 for targeted salary increases and related fringe benefits for the Highway Patrol, including \$2,471,793 general revenue.
- \$9,400,000 federal funds for the State and Local Cybersecurity and Byrne Crisis Intervention grants.
- \$7,000,000 to support first responders suffering from PTSD and other work-related illnesses through a critical incident pool.
- \$5,750,000 to replace and upgrade radios for the Highway Patrol, including \$600,000 general revenue.
- \$7,000,000 for renovations, maintenance, and repairs for the World War I Memorial in Kansas City.
- \$4,000,000 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund for a new headquarters facility for Highway Patrol Troop A in Lee's Summit.
- \$4,000,000 Highway Patrol's Motor Vehicle, Aircraft, and Watercraft Revolving Fund for a new single engine turbine airplane for the Highway Patrol.
- \$3,752,996 and two staff to enhance networking and connectivity technologies to support body worn cameras, including \$361,355 general revenue.

- \$2,897,567 for increased fuel costs for the Highway Patrol's enforcement vehicles, including \$273,723 general revenue.
- \$2,800,000 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund to modernize the dispatch capabilities of the Patrol and to provide software with the capability of sharing data with other agencies.
- \$2,000,000 Highway Patrol's Vehicle, Aircraft, and Watercraft Revolving Fund for vehicle replacement.
- \$2,261,946 for fringe benefit increases for the Highway Patrol, including \$1,968,349 general revenue.
- \$1,837,116 federal and other funds for the replacement of six boats for the Highway Patrol's Water Patrol Division.
- \$1,250,000 for grants to local law enforcement drug task forces.
- \$1,095,184 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund and four staff to provide additional support for the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN).
- \$1,000,000 for scholarships for individuals to attend law enforcement academies, with a three-year service commitment.
- \$800,000 for Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) programs.
- \$206,000 for targeted salary increases for the Capitol Police.

Eigel Voted Against The Three Public Safety Budgets After Campaigning In 2016 As An "Advocate For Law Enforcement"

Eigel Voted Against The Three Public Safety Budgets After He Campaigned In 2016 As An "Advocate For Law Enforcement" And Pledged To "Do What Is Needed To Make Sure They Have The Funding And Equipment They Need To Keep Us Safe." Eigel: "We need to make sure we are supporting the police officers that are protecting us each day in this ongoing battle with drug addition [*sic]. I will be an advocate for law enforcement and do what is needed to make sure they have the funding and equipment they need to keep us safe." ([Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 11/7/16)

In Addition To Voting Against The Three Public Safety Budgets, Eigel Voted Against A 2018 Supplemental Bill That Included \$6.3 Million For A New Highway Patrol Headquarters And \$42 Million For New Missouri National Guard Facilities And Renovations

In May 2018, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Supplemental Bill (HB 2019) That Included \$6.3 Million For A New Highway Patrol Headquarters And \$42 Million For New Missouri National Guard Facilities And Renovations. (HB 2019, [Bill Text](#), Accessed 1/22/24; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/11/18, Vote On HB 2019: 31-1, Eigel Voted Nay)

	Section 19.025. To the Office of Administration	
2	For the Missouri State Highway Patrol	
3	For planning, design and construction at the General Headquarters	
4	From General Revenue Fund (0101).....	\$679,207
5	From State Highways and Transportation Department Fund (0644).....	2,377,224
6	From Gaming Commission Fund (0286).....	339,603
7	From DNA Profiling Analysis Fund (0772).....	2,973,267
8	Total.....	\$6,369,301
	Section 19.030. To the Office of Administration	
2	For the Adjutant General - Missouri National Guard	
3	For design and construction of National Guard facilities statewide, an	
4	addition to the aircraft maintenance facility at AVCRAD Base in	
5	Springfield, and the renovation of a Department of Transportation	
6	building for Missouri National Guard troop additions	
7	From General Revenue Fund (0101).....	\$94,750
8	From Adjutant General - Federal Fund (0190).....	42,000,000
9	Total.....	\$42,094,750

DESE & HIGHER EDUCATION

Eigel Has Voted Against Half Of The Republican-Sponsored DESE And Higher Education Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against Half Of The Republican-Sponsored DESE And Higher Education Budgets, Which Fund Missouri Public Schools And State Universities And Colleges. (Missouri State Senate Journals; 5/4/17, Vote On HB 2: 33-0, Eigel Voted Yea, Vote On HB 3: 29-4; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2002: 29-1, Eigel Voted Yea, Vote On HB 2003: 24-7, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 2: 32-1, Vote On HB 3: 25-8, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2002: 26-4, Eigel Voted Nay, Vote On HB 2003: 24-6, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 2: 25-6, Eigel Voted Nay, Vote On HB 3: 24-7, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/6/22, Voted On HB 3002: 29-4, Eigel Was Absent, Vote On HB 3003: 27-5, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 2: 25-8, Eigel Voted Nay, Vote On HB 3: 26-6, Eigel Voted Nay)

- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed DESE Budget Included \$233.3 Million For School Transportation Needs, \$117.5 Million To Include Charter Schools And Homeschool Programs In The Foundation Formula, And \$50 Million For School Safety Improvements. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 2](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$233,350,220 to fully fund school districts' transportation costs for students, which is 75% of a school district's reimbursable cost.
 - \$187,222,660 federal funds for supply chain and inflation increases for school nutrition programs.
 - \$117,537,883 for expansion of the foundation formula to include charter schools, virtual school programs, and homeschool programs as a result of HB 1552 (2022); and for data systems changes as a result of SB 681 (2022).
 - \$78,476,232 federal funds for child care subsidy rate increases.
 - \$50,000,000 for grants funding school safety improvements. Eligible expenses could include physical security upgrades and associated technology, training costs for teachers and staff, school safety plan updates, or other related school safety improvements.
- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed Higher Education Budget Included A 7% Core Funding Increase For State Universities And Colleges, \$38.3 Million For The MO Excels Work Initiative, And Tens Of Millions Of Dollars For Scholarship Programs. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 3](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$70,797,156 for public institutions of higher education for a 7% core increase.
- \$38,336,840 Budget Stabilization Fund for the MO Excels Workforce Initiative.
- \$32,659,448 for the A+ Schools Fund Scholarship.
- \$16,416,667 for the Access Missouri Scholarship.
- \$3,500,000 for the Academic Scholarship Program.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 5 Republican-Sponsored Economic Development Budgets, And He Was Absent During Final Roll Call Votes On Two Such Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 5 Republican-Sponsored Department Of Economic Development Budgets. He Was Absent During 2 Final Roll Call Votes For Such Budgets. (Missouri State Senate Journals; 5/4/17, Vote On HB 7: 30-3, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2007: 28-3, Eigel Was Absent; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 7: 31-2, Eigel Voted Yes; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2007: 28-2, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 7: 27-4, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/6/22, Vote On HB 3007: 28-5, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 7: 26-7, Eigel Voted Nay)

- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed Department Of Economic Development Budget Included \$247.6 Million To Expand Broadband Access In Missouri, \$60 Million For A Program To Bring Semiconductor Chip Makers To Missouri, And \$27 Million For Job Training Services. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 7](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$247,656,212 federal funds for grants to provide broadband access to underserved areas.
- \$60,000,000 for investments in the CHIPS Semiconductor Program to attract semiconductor chip manufacturers to Missouri, including \$10,000,000 general revenue.
- \$28,600,000 for the construction of a park over Interstate 670 in Kansas City.
- \$27,000,000 Missouri One Start Community College Training Fund to provide job training services.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Transportation Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Department Of Transportation Budgets, Which Fund Missouri Road And Infrastructure Improvements. (Missouri State Senate Journals; 5/4/17, Vote On HB 4 31-2, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2004: 31-0, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 4: 33-0, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2004: 26-4, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 4: 27-4, Eigel Voted Nay; Vote On HB 3004: 28-5, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 4: 29-4, Eigel Voted Nay)

- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed Transportation Budget Included \$60.9 Million For Local Road And Infrastructure Projects. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 4](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$60,791,710 Motor Fuel Tax Fund for increased motor fuel tax distributions to incorporated cities, towns, and villages from the implementation of SB 262 (2021).

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Eigel Has Voted Against 4 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Agriculture Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 4 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Department Of Agriculture Budgets. (Missouri State Senate Journals; Vote On HB 6: 29-4, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2006: 30-0, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 6: 32-1, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2006: 26-4, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 6: 27-4, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/6/22, Vote On HB 3006: 28-5, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 6: 28-4, Eigel Voted Nay)

- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed Agriculture Budget Included \$68 Million For New Veterinary And Meat Laboratories At The University Of Missouri, \$1.6 Million For Black Vulture Mitigation, And \$904,145 To Control Infectious Animal Disease Outbreaks. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 6](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$43,000,000 for a new veterinary medical diagnostic laboratory at the University of Missouri.
- \$25,000,000 for a new meat laboratory at the University of Missouri.
- \$1,660,000 for black vulture mitigation efforts.
- \$1,000,000 for a beef registry and database platform.
- \$1,000,000 for an agricultural education program administered by the Missouri Future Farmers of America Foundation.
- \$904,145 federal funds for control and management of infectious animal disease outbreaks.

DHSS & DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored DHSS And Mental Health Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored DHSS And Department Of Mental Health Budgets. (Missouri State Senate Journals, 5/4/17, Vote On HB 10: 22-11, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2010: 23-8, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 10: 24-8, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2010: 24-6, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 10: 21-9, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/6/22, Vote On HB 3010: 24-9, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 10: 26-7, Eigel Voted Nay)

- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed DHSS And Mental Health Budget Included \$300 Million For A New State Mental Health Facility And \$1 Million For Opioid Addiction Treatment. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 10](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

- \$300,000,000 federal funds for a new state-owned Mental Health facility in Kansas City through a partnership with University Health.
- \$264,699,643 to continue providing standardized provider rates for residential waiver services closer to market-based cost to address rate inconsistency among acuity levels, including \$89,982,778 general revenue.
- \$172,178,446 for increasing provider rates for residential waiver services to more than \$16 per hour, including \$58,532,063 general revenue.
- \$1,000,000 Opioid Addiction Treatment and Recovery Funds for walk-in services for drug treatment and addiction at federally qualified health centers in Springfield, Joplin, and Rolla.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Eigel Has Voted Against 5 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Social Services Budgets

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 5 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Department Of Social Services Budgets. (Missouri State Senate Journals, 5/4/17, Vote On HB 11: 21-12, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2011: 23/8, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 11: 23-9, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2011: 25-5, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 11: 20-10, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/6/22, Vote On HB 3011: 22-10, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 11: 24-8, Eigel Voted Nay)

- In 2023, The Eigel-Opposed Social Services Budget Included \$21.4 Million For Missouri Hospitals And Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars To Cover Medicare Premium And Rate Hikes For Nursing, Psychiatric And Hospice Facilities. (Missouri Office Of Administration, [FY24 Budget Information-HB 11](#), Accessed 1/20/24)

Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations include funds for the following items:

Medicaid

- \$1,619,406,738 for the additional cost of existing MO HealthNet programs, including \$264,393,333 general revenue.
- \$177,862,500 for federally required increases in the following programs, including \$51,526,712 general revenue:
 - \$157,572,065 for an actuarially required rate adjustment for managed care plans, including \$45,051,658 general revenue.
 - \$19,729,482 for increases in Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, including \$6,284,358 general revenue.
 - \$560,953 for an actuarial rate increase for the non-emergency medical transportation contract, including \$190,696 general revenue.
- \$119,698,620 for additional rate increases for the following programs, including \$37,442,331 general revenue:
 - \$86,184,000 for increases to nursing facility rates, including \$26,544,656 general revenue.
 - \$25,000,000 for increases to inpatient hospital psychiatric care rates, including \$8,000,000 general revenue.
 - \$6,480,000 for increases to hospice nursing facility rates, including \$2,202,876 general revenue.
 - \$1,605,333 for increases to ambulatory surgical center rates, including \$548,863 general revenue.
 - \$429,287 for increases to hospice facility rates, including \$145,936 general revenue.
- \$21,430,000 for the following hospitals, health clinics, and healthcare networks:
 - \$7,500,000 for Cox Health’s Branson Super Clinic.
 - \$4,000,000 for Lake Regional Health System’s Lebanon hospital.
 - \$3,000,000 for Ozarks Healthcare facilities in Mountain View and West Plains.
 - \$2,500,000 for the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston.
 - \$1,500,000 for SEMO Health Network’s medical center in Bernie.
 - \$1,200,000 for Central Ozarks Medical Center in Crocker.
 - \$1,000,000 for Smiles of Hope Dental Clinic in Dexter.
 - \$630,000 for Katy Trail Health Clinic in Sedalia.
 - \$100,000 for Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 3 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Department Of Corrections

Budgets. (Missouri State Senate Journals; 5/4/17, Vote On HB 9: 31-1, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 2009: 29-2, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 9: 31-1, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 2009: 27-3, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 9: 30-1, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/6/22, Vote On HB 3009: 30-3, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 9: 31-2, Eigel Voted Nay)

JUDICIARY & ELECTED OFFICIALS

Since 2017, Eigel Has Voted Against 4 Of 6 Republican-Sponsored Budgets For The State Judiciary

And Elected Officials. (Missouri State Senate Journals; 5/4/17, Vote On HB 12: 32-1, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/9/18, Vote On HB 12: 26-4, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/9/19, Vote On HB 12: 28-4, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/8/20, Vote On HB 12: 28-2, Eigel Voted Nay; 5/7/21, Vote On HB 12: 28-2, Eigel Voted Yea; 5/6/22, Vote On 3012: 28-5, Eigel Was Absent; 5/5/23, Vote On HB 12: 27-5, Eigel Voted Nay)

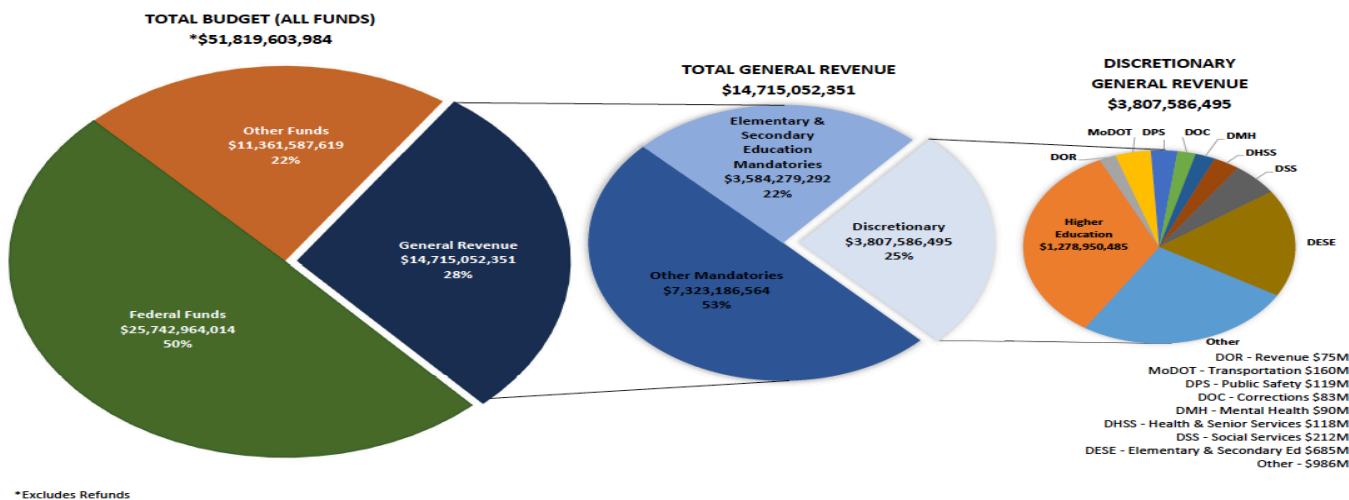
Jeopardizing Federal Funding For Missouri

In 2022, Eigel Said It Was “Reasonable” To Cut Federal Program Requirements In The State Budget, Which Could Arguably Jeopardize \$25.7 Billion Or Half Of The State’s Revenues

VIDEO: In May 2022, Eigel Said It Was “Reasonable” To Cut Federal Program Requirements In The State Budget. Q: “I talked to Cynthia Davis one time. She was saying that if we cut those [federal] programs the requirements that those programs make on us would almost offset the amount of money that we’re giving up. Does that seem reasonable? Or is that not the case anymore?” Eigel: “It does seem reasonable.” (Grace Church’s YouTube Channel, Guest Speaker-Bill Eigel, 5/26/22; [1:32:50 Mark](#))

According To The Parson Administration’s FY25 Budget Summary, Missouri Receives \$25.7 Billion Or 50% Of Its Revenues From The Federal Government. (Missouri Office Of Administration, FY25 Budget Summary, Accessed 1/20/24)

FISCAL YEAR 2025 GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET



State Spending Hypocrisy

BANGERT ISLAND

In 2019, Eigel Was Criticized For Slipping A \$2 Million Pet Project Into The State Budget For A City-Owned Island In The Missouri River After He Filibustered And Lectured Other Legislators About Fiscal Conservatism

In 2019, Eigel Inserted A Pet Project Into The State Budget To Earmark \$2 Million To Build Up The St. Charles-Owned Bangert Island In The Missouri River. “Rising from the muck of the Missouri River is Bangert Island, which isn’t much of an island anymore. Over the years, a silted-in slough replaced a channel that divided the island from mainland St. Charles. With the help of Missouri taxpayers, officials want that to change. Included in the state’s \$30 billion budget for next fiscal year is a \$2 million appropriation to kick-start the digging of a side channel between St. Charles and the island. Officials want to use the dug-up dirt to elevate the land surrounding the island, making it less prone to flooding and more attractive to developers. The planned digging is part of an effort to make the riverfront a destination officials hope will attract tourists and spending. ... The \$2 million line item was slipped into the budget by Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, who represents the area in question, which is just south of the Interstate 70 bridge heading into St. Charles. The city owns the island and leases it to the county. The county operates a 160-acre park on the island, complete with trails and wildlife viewing. The park itself would remain untouched and would remain owned by the

city, Temme said. But the city owns private land facing the island, which it would like to sell.” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/1/19)

Republican Sen. Mike Cierpiot Noted The Hypocrisy Of Eigel Seeking \$2 Million For The Pet Project After Filibustering And Lecturing Other Legislators About Fiscal Conservatism. “Eigel’s abrasiveness in the Senate this session adds another wrinkle to this story. He is one of the leaders of the Senate Conservative Caucus, a 6-member bloc of Republicans in the 34-member Senate that has filibustered numerous pieces of legislation this year. ... Cierpiot, R-Lee’s Summit, in a recent speech on the Senate floor, raised questions about the Bangert Island project. ‘We’ve heard a lot this year about conservatives,’ Cierpiot said. ‘One wants \$2 million for an island in St. Louis - St. Louis, not Florida - for redevelopment. Picking winners and losers. ... I’m likely to support many of these issues, but I’m not claiming purity as some do.’” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/1/19)

A Senate Democrat Charged It Was Not The State’s Responsibility To Take Care Of The St. Charles-Owned Island. “Not everyone is happy about the state spending. ‘Why is it the state’s responsibility to take care of St. Charles’ private infrastructure concerns?’ asked Sen. Jill Schupp, D-Creve Coeur. ‘Why would the people of my district, or any other district in the state, want to hand over this money to St. Charles for St. Charles’ benefit — solely for St. Charles’ benefit. So, I’m concerned about it.’” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/1/19)

Eigel Defended His Island Pet Project

Eigel Defended His Island Pet Project, Saying, “I Am Very Supportive Of Infrastructure Projects Around The State, Like This...” “Eigel said other local infrastructure projects the state funds aren’t considered handouts, and he said the filling in of side channels on the Missouri River contributes to flooding. He said the city had originally sought grant money through the Army Corps of Engineers. To demonstrate to the federal government that the project had proper backing, Eigel said the city pushed a nonbinding resolution through the Legislature last year that voiced support for the project. The city has said that it would put up millions of dollars of city money to fund the digging of the channel. But, Eigel said, efforts to draw money from the corps were unsuccessful. Enter the state. ‘They (St. Charles officials) were looking for a little bit of assistance to help with this particular infrastructure project,’ Eigel said. ‘I am very supportive of infrastructure projects around the state, like this, to help cities — you know, St. Charles or otherwise — to grow.’” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 5/1/19)

Eigel Ultimately Secured \$1 Million For His Island Pet Project

In 2019, Eigel Ultimately Secured \$1 Million For His Island Pet Project. “...Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, secured \$1 million in state funding for the [Bangert Island] project this year, though the city and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources are still negotiating a spending agreement, officials said. Temme said the money will go toward ‘riverbank improvement’ between the island and the mainland.” ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 11/15/19)

ST. CHARLES COUNTY-OWNED AIRPORT

In August 2022, Eigel, A Few Months After Eigel Called The State Budget A “Death Knell Of Fiscal Conservatism,” He Refused To Discuss His Insertion Of A Parson-Vetoed \$3 Million Pet Project For A St. Charles County-Owned Airport Into The Budget. “St. Charles County officials are reassessing plans to better protect the county-owned airport from flooding after Gov. Mike Parson cut funding for the project out of the state budget. At the request of Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, budget writers inserted \$3 million into the state’s spending blueprint in May for the St. Charles Smartt Field Airport in Portage Des Sioux, which is about a 15 minute drive north of downtown St. Charles. The

money was part of a massive infusion of federal pandemic aid made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act. Individual lawmakers were able to insert various projects into the budget. Some were acceptable to Parson. Others, like the airport project, were not. ... Eigel, who frequently complains that the state budget is bloated, did not respond to a request for comment. In his veto message of House Bill 3020, Parson said the investment was not worth it, given the airport's location. 'Due to the proximity of this airport to a major international airport and four other local airports, this investment will have minimal regional or statewide impact,' he said. In addition, Parson said the airport receives federal funding through a formula overseen by the Missouri Department of Transportation, and has received more federal funding over the past two years through various pandemic relief programs. 'This funding was not part of my budget recommendations, and other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project,' Parson said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 8/13/22)

- In April 2022, Eigel Called The Pending State Budget "The Death Knell Of Fiscal Conservatism." "That brought Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, to his feet to denounce the spending plan as 'the death knell of fiscal conservatism' in the state. The budget, he said, funds 'everything from dinosaur museums for kids to every wasteful instance of spending that could be thought of by 34 members.'" ([Missouri Independent](#), 4/26/22)

Additional State Spending Issues

MEDICAID CUTS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In May 2020, Eigel Supported Cutting Medicaid Reimbursements For Financially Strapped Children's Hospitals By As Much As \$140 Million. "As they lose millions each month from the COVID-19 pandemic, Missouri's children's hospitals may have to brace for cuts to Medicaid reimbursements totaling as much as \$140 million. The issue involves payments to hospitals for patients from out-of-state. Missouri is the only state that supplements the reimbursements to narrow the difference between the patient's home state Medicaid rate and Missouri's. During the legislative session that ended last week, lawmakers proposed cutting the add-on payments. The measure would disproportionately impact children's hospitals because their specialized pediatric care draws families from neighboring states. Children's Mercy in Kansas City and two St. Louis-area institutions, SSM Health's Cardinal Glennon and BJC's St. Louis Children's Hospital, would be hit hard. While lawmakers backed off during the session truncated by the pandemic, they vowed to return to the issue within the year. ... The proposal to cut the payments was tucked into a larger resolution proposed by Smith and state Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer, a St. Joseph Republican. It challenged any expansion of Medicaid in Missouri and established work requirements for recipients. ... Eigel, a St. Charles Republican who supports the cuts, said the issue remains one of 'fairness.' Missouri shouldn't have to offset the other state's Medicaid systems, he said. It also goes to the larger issue of how the state funds public health, according to Eigel. 'I don't know how you could be against my amendment but also be against Medicaid expansion,' Eigel said. 'Because the result is the same, which is more federal dollars going into a broken system.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 5/25/20)

MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME MOMS AND NEWBORN BABIES

In May 2023, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 106) To Allow Low-Income Mothers And Their Babies To Receive Medicaid Coverage For One Year After Birth. "The Missouri Senate voted Friday to extend postpartum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to 1 year, sending the bill to Gov. Mike Parson's desk for his signature or veto. The Department of Social Services estimates the

extension would cover more than 4,000 people who otherwise go uninsured two months after the end of pregnancy. Missouri had the 12th highest maternal mortality in the nation from 2018-20, and three-quarters of pregnancy-related deaths in the state were preventable, the Missouri Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review Board found last year. ... 'If we want healthy babies, we have to have healthy mamas,' Sen. Elaine Gannon, R-De Soto, who sponsored a version of the legislation, said in an interview Friday. 'There are several postpartum illnesses that can creep up,' she said, citing postpartum depression and heart issues, which may not be obvious within 60 days of birth. ... The proposal earned support from an ideologically-diverse coalition, including both Pro-Choice Missouri and Campaign Life Missouri. But opposition from conservative members of the Senate, which blocked the bill last year, seemed it could jeopardize its passage again this time around. Last year, the bill came close to winning legislative support but conservative senators blocked it in the waning days of the session. Conservative senators wanted to include language designed to prevent anyone who receives an abortion from receiving the benefit. Advocates said including the language would jeopardize federal approval, and though it was added when the bill initially passed the Senate, it was excluded from the version on its way to the governor. As late as Friday morning, Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, said in an interview he wasn't sure if he would try to block it again. 'There's a lot of moving parts right now that we're trying to move to the legislature, so I don't think we've made a final decision yet,' Eigel said, regarding a potential filibuster. But while Eigel voted against the bill, he made no effort to stop its passage. It was approved on a 26-6 vote." ([Jefferson City News-Tribune](#), 5/6/23)

HEARING AIDS FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

In March 2019, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 101) To Help Low-Income Seniors Obtain Hearing Aids. "Low-income Missouri residents in need of hearing aids may find relief in a new state program. The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will help residents living at or below the federal poverty line purchase hearing aids. The Hearing Aid Distribution Program, established this summer, is designed to offset the cost of these expensive devices. An estimated 600,000 people in Missouri are deaf or hard of hearing, according to state data. Although hearing aid technology has advanced in recent years, the cost can be a barrier for some. The average cost of a pair of hearing aids is \$4,700, according to a study from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. ... In order to qualify, Missouri residents must provide a written cost estimate from a licensed vendor, hearing test results and documentation to verify their annual income. Gov. Mike Parson signed SB 101 in July, creating the new Hearing Aid Distribution Program." ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 9/2/19; Missouri State Senate Journal, 3/14/19, Vote On SB 101: 29-4, Eigel Voted Nay)

COVID-19 RELIEF FOR MISSOURI HOMEOWNERS

In 2021, Eigel Was One Of The Few State Senators Who Opposed A Parson-Signed \$2 Billion Supplemental Bill To Provide COVID-19 Relief For Missouri Homeowners

In April 2021, Eigel Was The Lone Senate Appropriations Committee Member Who Voted Against A Supplemental Bill (HB 15) That Included \$150 Million In Mortgage Assistance For Homeowners Who Lost Income During The COVID-19 Pandemic. "Help may be coming for Missouri homeowners who are behind on their mortgage payments because of COVID-19 income losses. The Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday added \$150 million in federal mortgage assistance funds to the supplemental spending bill for the current fiscal year, one of several new sections using money from pandemic relief bills passed by Congress in December and March. The changes approved Monday also provide \$442.2 million to be distributed to cities with fewer than 50,000 residents and \$12.8 million to help low-income Missourians pay their water and sewer bills. The bill passed on a

13-1 vote, with Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, raising objections to both of the programs designed to help people recover from income losses of the past year. 'Is it that anyone who is a homeowner can get another check from this program?' Eigel asked. The Missouri Housing Development Commission will distribute the funds and screen applications, state Budget Director Dan Haug replied. Those applying must show they have lost income in the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he said. ... Eigel said he was not convinced that including the funding was a good idea. 'So, if that's the case, in a world where everything is related to COVID, any income loss for the past year could be subsidized by this \$150 million of debt financing from the federal government,' Eigel said." ([Missouri Independent](#), 4/21/21; Senate Appropriations Committee, Meeting Minutes, 4/19/21; Vote On HB 15: 13-1, Eigel Voted Nay)

Later In April And May 2021, Eigel Voted On The Senate Floor Against The Parson-Signed \$2 Billion Supplemental Spending Bill (HB 15). "The Missouri Senate passed a \$2 billion supplemental budget bill Tuesday, the first budget item to make it through both chambers this week. HB 15 appropriates supplementary funds for education, transportation, and workforce development, among other items. The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee last week with Sen. Bill Eigel the sole member voting in opposition. Eigel also spearheaded the opposition Tuesday, decrying the power of the executive branch and the use of funds for the state's COVID-19 response. 'When we approve these large, overarching authority spending bills, we're giving away the power of the legislative body, defeating arbiters of what we should be spending money on in favor of expanding the power of the executive branch,' Eigel said. Eigel briefly held the floor with fellow Conservative Caucus members Sens. Mike Moon and Rick Brattin before the item came to a vote. The measure passed 26-6 with Eigel, Moon, and Brattin joining Sens. Eric Burlison, Andrew Koenig, and Bob Onder in opposition. The state's vaccination plan would receive more than \$26.4 million in federal stimulus money under the bill with \$19.8 million going toward services and equipment while Missouri's testing services would be bolstered by nearly \$3.05 million in federal funds. The bill would also appropriate funding for the state's Medicaid program with \$51 million going toward physician services and more than \$90 million earmarked for pharmaceutical payments. The state's Transportation Construction Program will also receive \$100 million from the State Road Fund. Another line item resulted from a bicameral push last month. Lawmakers called on Gov. Mike Parson to request the \$50 million loan fund, known as the Municipal Utility Emergency Loan Program, to allow citizen-led utilities to borrow for up to five years without interest to address the impact of February's winter storm. A bipartisan majority in the House signed a letter requesting the fund with 16 senators also backing the effort." ([The Missouri Times](#), 4/27/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/7/21, Vote On HB 15: 27-3, Eigel Voted Nay)

In 2020, Eigel Supported Providing Financial Relief To Corporations Impacted By The COVID-19 Pandemic

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Supported Providing Financial Relief To Corporations Impacted By The COVID-19 Pandemic. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/13/24)

Yes 

g) Do you support providing financial relief to businesses AND/OR corporations negatively impacted by the state of national emergency for COVID-19?

DISMANTLING DESE

In 2023 And 2024, Eigel Sponsored Legislation To Dismantle DESE. "However, under a piece of legislation submitted by state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-St. Charles, the [DESE] department would be dissolved and its employees and assets distributed to other state agencies. If the law passed, the Commissioner would continue to serve as the chief administrative officer of the state board and would be responsible for implementing the transition, according to the bill's description. 'As governor, I am going to dismantle DESE and continue to lead the fight against children being used as research experiments for leftist agendas,' Eigel posted on social media. 'No to government bureaucracy in education. No to Social Emotional Learning.' ... Eigel filed an identical bill in the 2023 session, which never made it out of the Education & Workforce Development Committee. He also filed a separate bill which would, among other provisions, allow individual school districts to break away from DESE and operate independently from the state. These districts would still be able to receive state and federal funding, but would not be required to participate in state assessments, reviews, or school improvement plans set by the state board of education." ([WGEM](#), 12/8/23)

- **Additional Details On Eigel's Legislation To Dismantle DESE:** "The [DESE] legislation would give the governor power to transfer the powers of the department to other agencies as part of a reorganization plan. The agency's education commissioner would continue to serve as an employee of the Missouri State Board of Education under the bill. Eigel claimed the agency has become too bureaucratic, creating too many mandates for the state's public schools. If elected, he said he would be 'defunding many of the non-needed aspects of that department.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 12/19/23)

EXTENSION OF THE FAST TRACK WORKFORCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In February 2022, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 672) To Extend The Fast Track Program, Which Provides Aid To Adults Who Return To College. "SB 672 – Modifies provisions related to workforce development: Extends the sunset on the Fast Track program; Creates the Joint Committee on Rural Economic Development; and Creates Targeted Industrial Manufacturing Enhancement Zones to help incentivize economic development in landlocked communities." (Gov. Parson, Press Release, 7/1/22; Missouri State Senate Journal, 2/24/22, Vote On SB 672: 24-8, Eigel Voted Nay)

STATE WORKFORCE & EMPLOYEE PAY

Eigel Supports Cutting The State Workforce And State Employee Salaries And Pensions

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Supported Cutting State Employee Salaries And Pensions. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/13/24)

Yes

a) In order to balance the budget, do you support reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions?

In February 2023, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 14) To Increase State Employee Pay By 8.7%. "Paychecks for state employees in Missouri could be 8.7% fatter in March following passage Wednesday of a major priority of Gov. Mike Parson. The Missouri Senate voted 29-4 to approve a midyear budget adjustment that includes about \$180 million to pay for the raises and additional hourly pay increases designed to stop an ongoing exodus state workers seeking higher paying private sector jobs. ... Parson ... issued an urgent request for the additional money last month saying some state agencies have seen turnover rates hovering near 50%. The pandemic and its effect on the national economy has put a spotlight on Missouri's long history of low pay for the people who plow snow, answer questions about taxes and process paperwork for government

programs. With the private sector quickly raising pay in response to a worker shortage, state government has been slow to keep pace amid rising inflation. ... Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, who is considering a run for governor in 2024, said he was concerned about the additional government spending and was among those voting against the raises. The pay hikes, which could start as early as March, do not include raises for lawmakers, judges and statewide elected officials. Action in the Senate came a week after the House gave sweeping approval to the \$627 million plan sought by the Republican governor. The package also includes \$20 million for safety improvement grants at the state's public schools. Parson called for the money after a school shooting in St. Louis left a student and a teacher dead in October. ... The legislation is House Bill 14." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 2/23/23)

AUDIO: In September 2023, Eigel Said, "Well I Think We Actually Need To Reduce The Size Of Our State Workforce..." Eigel: "Well, I think we actually need to reduce the size of our state workforce and focus on compensating the remaining state employees to a tune – so they can be competitive in the market." ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 9/18/23; 32:45 Mark)

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ISSUES

In 2017, Eigel Pushed Failed Legislation To Spend \$2.7 Billion From General Revenue To Overhaul I-70

In 2017, Eigel Pushed Failed Legislation (SB 457) To Spend \$2.7 Billion From General Revenue To Overhaul I-70. "...Eigel may have suffered the first defeat in his legislative career, but he has no intentions of taking it lying down. The freshman senator from St. Charles' bill concerning transportation funding failed to pass during an executive session vote in Thursday morning's meeting of the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee. Eigel's transportation bill, or SB 457, sought to invest \$2.7 billion in the state's transportation system, including \$2 billion to completely overhaul I-70. His plan would have used general revenue funds to offset the costs, rather than creating new taxes and toll roads or raising user fees. ... 'I remain adamantly opposed to increasing motor fuel taxes. It is a failed solution to our transportation funding problems especially when we are sending more tax dollars to Jefferson City than ever before,' Eigel said. 'Every time there is a problem in Jefferson City, the only solution is to throw more money at it.' ... Eigel said he thought he had the votes in the committee to continue moving the legislation forward, that senators were interested in the bill. 'I understood, going into the morning, that we had four votes. One member was missing, and that made it vulnerable,' Eigel said. The bill failed in committee by a final vote of 3-3, with Sen. Bob Dixon absent from the vote." ([The Missouri Times](#), 4/13/17)

- **Additional Details And Criticism Of Eigel's Bill:** "...Eigel, R-St. Charles, announced an ambitious proposal Wednesday which would invest roughly a total of \$2.7 billion over 10 years to pay for transportation infrastructure improvements. Most of that money, around \$2.2 billion would be used to repair Interstate 70 and expand it to eight lanes from Wentzville to Kansas City. ... To pay for the project, Missouri's General Revenue Fund will divert an average of \$250 million per year over the next 10 years to pay for state infrastructure funding. Eigel expects FASTLANE federal grants will add another \$20 million per year to that figure. The \$2.5 billion raised at the state level would come from 10 percent of the revenue gained from the state sales and use taxes. ... Libla, a veteran in transportation policy, questioned the feasibility of taking money from general revenue to pay for the state's roads and bridges. One of Libla's primary concerns was making future legislatures beholden to when it comes to appropriating funds. However, Eigel believes he has figured a way around that problem by diverting the money to different funds before it actually makes it into the General Revenue Fund. He stated he has worked with Senate staff to

write the bill in such a way that money originally intended for General Revenue would go into the State Highway Fund or the newly established Interstate 70 Rebuilding Fund. That mechanism essentially means the money will not actually be appropriated. With a large amount of funds invested in I-70, Eigel said the Missouri Department of Transportation could then work with the remainder and use what it is already allocated through the fuel tax to help transportation funding across the state. Eigel also does not believe taking money from General Revenue will disrupt funding for other parts of the budget funded by general revenue. He views his bill as more of a reprioritization. ... The bill is SB 457." ([The Missouri Times](#), 2/22/17)

In 2022, Eigel Proposed Failed Legislation To Spend Anything Beyond \$4 Billion In State Surplus Funds To Expand I-70

In December 2022, Eigel Announced Failed Legislation To Spend Anything Beyond \$4 Billion In State Surplus Funds To Expand I-70. Eigel: "I Don't Think It Is Necessarily A Great Thing For Cash To Be Sitting In The Government's Bank Account." "Funding for the biggest project of all - widening the [I-70] interstate to 3 or 4 lanes in each direction - has eluded planners. But with the state enjoying an unprecedented surplus in excess of \$6 billion, now is the time to make the wish for money a reality, said state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring. As one of his first bills filed in advance of the legislative session that begins Jan. 4, Eigel is proposing lawmakers dedicate a portion of the surplus to widen the highway to four lanes from St. Louis to Kansas City. 'I don't think it is necessarily a great thing for cash to be sitting in the government's bank account,' Eigel said. 'We need to invest those funds in actual big infrastructure projects like I-70.' Under his proposal, any general revenue funds in excess of a \$4 billion cash balance would be transferred to the project fund. And from ongoing revenue, Eigel would dedicate about 2% annually - nearly \$300 million this year - for 10 years. That could generate up to \$9 billion for the project, he said. 'That is a sufficient amount of funds based on the latest word I have from MoDOT on the cost to rebuild I-70,' Eigel said. No one is sure how much it would cost to widen I-70, said Patrick McKenna, MoDOT's current director. The department produced an estimate this summer that it would cost \$2.75 billion to add a third lane in each direction, mainly by construction within the current right-of-way." ([Jefferson City News-Tribune](#), 12/3/22)

- Republican Senate Majority Leader Caleb Rowden Said Eigel's Plan Was "Not A Feasible Solution." "The incoming leader of the Missouri Senate is throwing cold water on a newly unveiled plan to finance the long-sought widening of Interstate 70 across Missouri's midsection. Sen. Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia ... acknowledged the proposed upgrades to the traffic-choked corridor are needed but said the financing mechanism floated by Sen. Bill Eigel is not tenable. 'It's not a feasible solution,' Rowden said during an interview with MissouriNet. ... Citing the state's unprecedented \$6 billion budget surplus, Eigel introduced legislation that would require the state to deposit 2% of its net general revenue into the 'Interstate 70 Improvement Fund.' The state would also place up to \$1.5 billion annually into the fund at the beginning of each calendar year. Eigel said the legislation, in addition to federal matching funds, would raise enough money to widen the interstate from four to eight lanes, through the whole state, except for urban cores, he said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 12/28/22)

In 2019, Eigel Opposed A Parson Plan To Borrow \$350 Million For Road And Bridge Repairs; Instead, He Backed A Plan To Direct Dedicated Or General Revenue Funds To Such Projects

In March 2019, Eigel Criticized Parson's Plan To Borrow \$350 Million For Road And Bridge Maintenance Projects And Praised An Alternative Plan To Use \$100 Million In General Revenue For Such Projects. "[Parson] proposed borrowing \$350 million to repair 250 bridges in most desperate

need of attention. Conservatives in the Senate were less than enthusiastic about the plan, saying the state shouldn't take on debt to fund infrastructure repair. 'The governor has proposed a borrow and spend plan, and from a fiscally conservative perspective, it's very difficult to support that,' said Sen. Bill Eigel, R-St. Charles County. The House has abandoned the idea altogether. House Budget Chairman Cody Smith, R-Carthage, instead wants to use \$100 million from the state's general revenue fund for roads and bridges. ... The Senate conservative caucus immediately praised Smith's plan. 'Now that the bonding proposal has stalled,' Eigel said, 'we can have a more productive conversation about transportation.' Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz, R-Franklin County, said using general revenue instead of bonding or a gas tax increase could hurt the state's ability to plan long term for transportation spending. 'We need a dedicated funding stream,' he said." (*The Kansas City Star*, 3/15/19)

- **Eigel Proposed An Alternative To Parson's Plan That Entailed Redirecting \$300 Million In Dedicated Road Funding From The Highway Patrol And Administrative Costs.** "A member of the Missouri Senate's Conservative Caucus is breaking from Republican Gov. Mike Parson and pitching a new plan to pay for road and bridge maintenance. Sen. Bill Eigel says his proposal would avoid the \$100 million in possible interest that the state would have to pay under Parson's \$350 million bonding plan. The Weldon Spring Republican instead wants the state to stop spending dedicated road funds on the Highway Patrol and administrative costs. He says that would free up as much as \$300 million each year for infrastructure. Shifting the fund sources would mean the state would need to pay for those expenses using general revenue. Eigel's proposal would also earmark half of leftover funds at the end of the year for road and bridge projects." (*The Associated Press*, 3/4/19)

In April 2019, Eigel Blocked Parson's Bonding Plan. "...Eigel briefly took over the Senate floor Tuesday afternoon to block the body from taking up a transportation bonding bill — all while decrying the concurrent resolution. Eigel, Sen. Bob Onder, and the Conservative Caucus emerged as the fiercest critics of the resolution and - quite literally - stood in the way of taking it up initially. Republicans remained at loggerheads over the infrastructure proposal that would borrow \$351 million for several hours until early Wednesday morning with no action actually taken. The resolution — with a tweak added to it — authorized a 7-year bond plan with \$70 million less in interest than originally planned. It is sponsored by Sen. Dave Schatz and has been backed by Gov. Mike Parson. 'The bond will be put to good use, repairing 250 failing bridges,' Schatz said. 'Constitutionality is the first concern I have. And from a fiscal policy standpoint, we're getting away from a balanced budget,' Eigel said while sparring with Schatz on the floor, pointing to a difference between the federal government's spending and Missouri's obligation to 'not spend more than what we bring in.'" (*The Missouri Times*, 4/10/19)

OPPOSITION TO JOB CREATION SPENDING

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Opposed State Spending To Promote Economic Growth. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/13/24)

No a) Do you support state government spending as a means of promoting economic growth?

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME

Mandatory Minimum Sentences

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Opposed Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Non-Violent Drug Offenders. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/2/24)

No e) Do you support mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders?

Needle Exchange Program

In March 2021, Eigel Voted For A Bill (SB 64) To Create A Hypodermic Needle Exchange Program In Missouri. "Bipartisan legislation creating a hypodermic needle exchange program will be heard by a Missouri House committee Tuesday afternoon in Jefferson City. State Sen. Holly Rehder, who has sponsored the bill for several years, will testify before the Missouri House Emerging Issues Committee. Her 2-page Senate Bill 64 has already received final approval from the Missouri Senate. Senator Rehder tells Missourinet that the needle exchange program would help prevent the spread of HIV and hepatitis. She has said that if addicts have access to clean needles, it would reduce the transmission of those diseases. Under her bill, any entity that's registered with the state Department of Health and Senior Services that operates a syringe exchange program would be exempt from the offense of distribution or sale of drug paraphernalia, as long as the entity is not located within 500 feet of a school building." (Missourinet, 4/13/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 3/11/21, Vote On SB 64: 30-4, Eigel Voted Yea)

Helping Sex Crime Victims

In April 2018, Eigel Voted Against A Bill (SB 966) To Set A Time Limit For Testing Rape Kits And Expand The Ability Of Sex Crime Victims To Seek Compensation. "Crime victim advocates on Tuesday said an omnibus crime bill would expand victims' ability to seek help, particularly if they are victims of a sex crime. Senate Bill 966 deals with a host of criminal justice issues. Bill sponsor Sen. Caleb Rowden, R-Columbia, told a House panel Tuesday evening the bill creates a pilot community behavioral health program within the Department of Corrections and overhauls the agency's prisoner risk/need assessments. DOC Director Anne Precythe said the bill would provide alternative interventions that would reduce the need to incarcerate people suffering from mental health or substance abuse problems. It also makes several changes to the state's crime victim compensation program, which compensates crime victims who have no other way of offsetting the costs they incur as a result of being victimized. Jennifer Dochler, the public policy director for the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, said these changes include letting victims submit their claims electronically and letting victims of domestic or sexual violence submit their claims much later using sworn statements. Current law requires a police report be completed within 48 hours of a crime in order for someone to be eligible for compensation. Dochler said the bill's language is much closer to victims' experience. 'This program is meant to pick up some of those expenses so somebody can stay stabilized and not have their situation continue to spiral,' she said. The measure also sets a time limit for testing rape kits. Dochler said state law currently says nothing about how quickly they need

to be tested. SB 966 would require police to pick up a rape kit from a hospital within 14 days of being notified one was ready. Once that happened, police would have another 14 days to send the kit to a crime lab. No one spoke against the legislation. ... The bill already passed the Senate on a 30-3 vote." ([KRCG](#), 4/24/18; Missouri State Senate Journal, 4/5/18, Vote On SB 966: 30-3, Eigel Voted Nay)

Criminalizing The Filing Of False Documents

In May 2018, Eigel Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (HB 1769) To Make It A Felony To File False Documents. "SS/SCS/HB 1769 - This act creates the offense of filing false documents. For the first offense, filing a false document is a Class D felony, but can be a Class C felony in certain specified instances. Any person who is found guilty of filing a false document shall be ordered to make full restitution to any person or entity that has sustained any actual losses as a result of the filing. The act specifies that any agency of the state, a county or the City of St. Louis shall create a system in which suspicious filings are logged, and outlines the process for petitioning a court when a person has probable cause to believe a filing is fraudulent. The system shall be created by January 1, 2019. If a filing or record is deemed invalid in a civil action brought under this act, the prevailing party shall be awarded all reasonable costs and fees incurred by that party in the action." (HB 1769, [Bill Summary](#), Accessed 2/1/24; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/8/18, Vote On HB 1769: 30-3, Eigel Voted Nay)

Ban On Texting While Driving

In May 2023, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 398) To Ban Texting While Driving. "Texting while driving might not be allowed in Missouri for much longer. After years of attempts, the Missouri Legislature has passed a bill today that would ban texting by all drivers on Missouri's roads. Current Missouri law bans texting while behind the wheel for drivers 21 and younger. Missouri is one of two U.S. states not to ban texting while driving for all people driving through the state. Montana is the other one. Senate Bill 398 would still let drivers use their voice-activated or hands-free options to write, send, or read a text. It would also allow drivers to make phone calls using these same features. Exemptions would be provided for law enforcement and emergency services workers. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Nick Schroer, R-St. Charles County, bars police from pulling over a driver for using their phone as a primary traffic offense." ([MissouriNet](#), 5/11/23; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/10/23, Vote On SB 398: 26-7, Eigel Voted Nay)

Death Penalty

In March 2018, Eigel Danced Around Taking A Position On Repealing The Death Penalty In Missouri. Q: "You're on the General Law Committee, and they are considering a bill to repeal the death penalty. Can you tell me a bit about that?" Eigel: "I have heard and resonated with the message on both sides of this issue. There's one side that believes that in order to enforce equal justice, if someone takes a life the only equal penalty they can face is the loss of their own life. On the other hand, folks that don't believe in the death penalty point out very correctly, I think, that the death penalty is actually not the worst penalty one can suffer." ([FHN Today](#), 3/22/18)

Real ID

In May 2017, Eigel Voted Against Greitens-Signed Legislation (HB 151) To Strengthen Missouri's Proof-Of-Identity Requirements And Criminalize The Illegal Distribution Of A Driver's Data. "...Greitens signed a bill Monday aimed at averting a scenario in which Missouri residents could

have been turned away at airports starting in January for lack of valid identification. The legislation will give residents the option to get driver's licenses or other identification cards that comply with the federal REAL ID Act. Compliance with the tougher proof-of-identity requirements is necessary at airports, some federal facilities and military bases. The federal government has said Missouri licenses won't be valid at airports in 2018 if they're not compliant. But some lawmakers have raised concerns about privacy over the federal law's requirement that states retain license personal documents, such as birth certificates. The soon-to-be law allows the state to issue two types of licenses based on the applicant's wish: compliant or noncompliant. It also makes it a crime to misuse or unlawfully distribute a driver's data and bans storing Social Security numbers in a database that the state or federal government has access to, with exceptions." (St. Louis Public Radio, 6/12/17; Missouri State Senate Journal, 5/19/17, Vote On HB 151: 28-5, Eigel Voted Nay)

Cracking Down On Opioid Abuse

In The State Senate, Eigel Has Repeatedly Voted And Spoken Against Republican-Sponsored Legislation To Create A Prescription Drug Monitoring Program To Crack Down On Opioid Abuse

In April 2019, Eigel, A Longstanding Opponent Of A Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Reiterated His Opposition Due To Privacy Concerns. "Missouri is the only state in the country without a statewide program that tracks and allows doctors and pharmacists to look at prescriptions. For nearly a decade, efforts to install a statewide prescription drug monitoring program have passed the Missouri House to only fail in the Senate, where Republicans citing privacy concerns have kept the bill from coming to a vote through filibusters. While 85 percent of the population falls under a PDMP run by St. Louis County, many Missouri jurisdictions still have no system for monitoring use - and possible abuse - of opioids. ... Eigel, who has opposed the bill since he was first elected in 2016, said he wanted to see more conversations on data security and a sunset clause, which would require the legislature to renew the program. 'I'm at a point on the current bill, I think that would engender a lot of resistance,' Eigel, R-St. Charles, said. ... Both O'Laughlin and Eigel don't buy the argument that the St. Louis County PDMP would pressure them to vote for a statewide program. 'The one part of the bill I do like is that it eliminates all the local PDMPs,' Eigel said. 'Just because I don't like the local PDMPs doesn't mean I'm going to take a less worse bill than what's before us, and opening the door to a statewide program is something I'm not comfortable with.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 4/29/19)

In May 2019, Eigel Defended A Conservative Caucus Decision To Block A Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Bill. "This year, the House and Senate spent much of the penultimate week squabbling over whether the Senate would move to approve an elusive prescription drug monitoring program. In previous years, one senator, Republican Rob Schaaf of St. Joseph, used the filibuster to block Missouri from joining the rest of the nation with a monitoring program over privacy concerns. With Schaaf gone because of term limits, the Senate's so-called Conservative Caucus has filled that void and has said it would not allow the opioid abuse-fighting program to get on the books. In response, the House Rules Committee, chaired by Rep. Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston, has stopped the flow of Conservative Caucus-backed legislation, halting progress on some of the conservatives' priorities. Eigel said Friday that he realizes Rehder is passionate about passing her drug-monitoring proposal, but he indicated he was willing to let some conservative bills die in committee if it meant letting Rehder's bill fail. 'It's just not something that I envision happening at this point,' he said of Rehder's proposal." (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 5/12/19)

In May 2020, Eigel Engaged In A Mini-Filibuster To Kill Another Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Bill. "One bill that failed to get final approval was a prescription drug monitoring program, which is aimed at stopping opioid abuse. It was shelved after several Republican senators engaged in a mini-filibuster on Friday objecting to how the Missouri House wanted changes after the Senate approved a compromise version earlier this year. ... 'Here we are in the midst of a global pandemic,' said Sen. Bill Eigel, R-St. Charles County. 'And for the past three weeks, this chamber, along with our colleagues across the rotunda, have done everything we could to squeeze legislation that will add new government into the lives of our citizens.'" ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/15/20)

In June 2021, Eigel Voted Against A Parson-Signed Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Bill (SB 63). "...Parson signed a bill into law establishing a statewide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Monday, bringing Missouri into line with the rest of the country. Sen. Holly Rehder's SB 63 established the Joint Oversight Task Force of Prescription Drug Monitoring within the Office of Administration, creating a statewide PDMP. Proponents say the program allows health care professionals to better monitor and control the distribution of opioids and other prescriptions to their patients. Patient information remains protected under federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations. 'Establishing a statewide prescription drug monitoring program has been a top priority for my administration, and I want to thank Sen. Holly Rehder and Rep. Travis Smith for working to get this landmark legislation across the finish line,' Parson said. 'SB 63 will help provide necessary information to health care professionals and empower them to make decisions that better serve their patients and assist in fighting the opioid epidemic in Missouri.'" ([Missouri Times](#), 6/7/21; Missouri State Senate Journal, 4/6/21, Vote On SB 63: 20-12, Eigel Voted Nay)

REGULATORY ISSUES

St. Louis County/St. Louis City Merger

In April 2019, Eigel Sided With Supporters Of Merging St. Louis County With The City Of St. Louis When He Voted Against A Resolution (SCR 1) To Oppose A Statewide Vote On Such A Merger. "The Missouri Senate adopted a nonbinding resolution opposing a statewide vote or legislative mandate on a potential merger of St. Louis City and County without adopting a position on the plan. The resolution, championed by Minority Floor Leader Gina Walsh, passed 26-5 after Senate conservatives, led by Sen. Bill Eigel, delayed the vote for more than an hour. Eigel objected to the resolution being brought to the floor on the Thursday before Easter and argued it deserved more time for debate. He also said he 'deserved' more notice that the resolution would be brought up this morning. 'It's extraordinary to me how inappropriate it would be to vote on something of this magnitude. I understand it's a non-binding resolution, but it's a very controversial topic,' Eigel said, adding he was only informed it would be addressed about 15 minutes before the Senate went into session. 'It's clear to me the urgency once again ... of Holy Thursday is sufficient for the body to not really want to go into the merits of whether or not this is something that should come to a vote and whether or not we should vote.' 'I think this is the wrong way to be doing business. I hope in the future we'll have more of a heads up as a courtesy to all of us that legislation of this nature will come before the body so we can adequately prepare for it, and I'd really like to stop seeing holidays like Holy Thursday be used as a weapon against members of this assembly,' he said. ... Those in favor of the merger - specifically Better Together's proposal - argue for a constitutional amendment to create a new 'metropolitan city' combining St. Louis City, County and all 88 county municipalities under a unified government." ([The Missouri Times](#), 4/18/19; Missouri State Senate Journal, 4/18/19, Vote On SCR 1: 26-5, Eigel Voted Nay)

TORT REFORM

In 2016 And 2017, Eigel Stated His Support For Tort Reform

During Eigel's 2016 State Senate Campaign, He Stated His Support For Tort Reform. Eigel: "I will support tort reform to prevent small business liability to legal predators and frivolous lawsuits." ([Mid Rivers Newsmagazine](#), 11/7/16)

VIDEO: In A February 2017 Appearance On "This Week In Missouri Politics," Eigel Said, "I Like To Describe Tort Reform As Getting Lawyers Out Of The Way Of Business." Eigel: "I like to describe tort reform as getting lawyers out of the way of business." ([This Week In Missouri Politics](#), 2/19/17; 8:55 Mark)

Eigel's Campaign Committee Has Received \$33,000 In Donations From Trial Lawyers, And Two Pro-Eigel PACs Have Received Over \$475,000 In Such Donations

In December 2023, The American Tort Reform Association Reported Eigel's Campaign Committee Received \$33,000 In Donations From Trial Lawyers, And Two Pro-Eigel PACs Received Over \$475,000 In Such Donations. "The [ATRA] reform group also says needed reforms continue to stall in the Missouri Legislature because 'several legislators have accepted campaign contributions from the trial bar and are now doing its bidding.' It notes Republican state Senator Mike Moon, who accepted a total of \$24,850 in contributions from the trial bar from 2014 to 2022. Fellow Republican state Senator Bill Eigel, who is running for governor, has collected almost \$33,000 in trial bar donations, according to ATRA. 'Notably, Senator Eigel enjoys support from the Believe in Life and Liberty (BILL) PAC, which, over the years, has received \$306,169 in contributions from trial lawyers,' ATRA states. 'Additionally, Senator Eigel is backed by the 100 PAC, which has accepted \$183,560 in trial lawyer donations.'" ([St. Louis Record](#), 12/5/23)

In 2021, Eigel Opposed Parson-Signed Legislation To Shield Missouri Businesses From COVID-19 Lawsuits

In February 2021, Eigel Voted And Railed Against Parson-Signed Legislation (SB 51) To Shield Missouri Businesses From COVID-19 Lawsuits. "The Missouri Senate easily passed Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer's COVID liability protection bill Tuesday morning, sending it on to the lower chamber for further consideration. SB 51 would protect certain businesses, accommodations, and activities from being held liable for exposure to COVID-19 unless a plaintiff could clearly prove the entity or individual acted in willful or reckless conduct that caused exposure to the virus. ... The bill was passed by a vote of 20-13. GOP Sens. Rick Brattin, Mike Moon, Bill Eigel, and Paul Wieland were among the dissenting votes. ... 'Our society is beset by challenges from tyrannical local governments and special interests who seek to use the virus for personal gain and profit,' Eigel said. 'The 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees that every citizen retain access to the court system as a protection of their livelihood. Instead of protecting those rights, SB 51 grants unfair immunity to special interests who have harmed consumers as a result of negligence in operations or product. It is our job as conservative leaders to protect the rights of our citizens.' ... The Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry applauded the bill's passage but decried the failure of its emergency clause. 'If we want to restart our economy and recover from this pandemic, we must protect Missouri employers from opportunistic COVID-19 lawsuits. The threat of this litigation looms over every employer in Missouri,' President Daniel P. Mehan said in a statement. 'I'd like to thank the

Missouri Senate for making this a priority and passing this legislation. However, the failure to pass the emergency clause is bad for employers and hurts our economic recovery.’” ([The Missouri Times](#), 2/23/21)

In 2022, The Missouri Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Blasted Eigel For Siding With His Trial Lawyer Donors Against A Bill To Scale Back The 5-Year Statute Of Limitations

In April 2022, The Missouri Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Blasted Eigel For Siding With His Trial Lawyer Donors Against A Bill (SB 631) To Scale Back The 5-Year Statute Of Limitations. “Missouri’s outdated statute of limitations is creating costly delays in our state’s legal system. Currently, plaintiffs are allowed to delay filing personal injury lawsuits for up to 5 years - that’s double or more the amount of time provided by many other states. Allowing years to go by before filing means records can be lost or discarded, witnesses may pass away or cannot be located, and memories fade - all factors that work against justice and can slant Missouri’s system against defendants, which are often businesses. There is a strong push to fix this problem in the Missouri General Assembly this year. However, this work was halted in the Missouri Senate on April 6 as some senators aligned with trial attorney interests blocked progress on Senate Bill 631. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Dan Hegeman, a Republican from Cosby, changes Missouri’s statute of limitations from five years to three years. The bill was passed by committee and was scheduled for a key vote on the Senate floor until Sen. Bill Eigel, a Republican from Weldon Spring, and Sen. Mike Moon, a Republican from Ash Grove, engaged in a filibuster to block the bill. Sens. Eigel and Moon have taken tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from trial attorney groups which have opposed reforming Missouri’s statute of limitations, according to Missouri Chamber’s Money Trail system. These blocking tactics are harmful to Missouri’s economy. The state has a detrimental reputation for its unfair legal climate. The state’s legal climate currently ranks 44th in the nation according to the US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform. The American Tort Reform Association says St. Louis is the nation’s seventh worst Judicial Hellhole. On the topic of statute of limitations, 46 states have shorter limits than Missouri. ... ‘There is broad support among the leaders in the legislature that we need to address the statute of limitations this year to keep our economy moving forward. By blocking this bill, Sens. Eigel and Moon are simply working to keep Missouri courts tilted in favor of their trial attorney donors — at the expense of our economy,’ said Daniel P. Mehan, president and CEO of the Missouri Chamber. ‘Missouri can’t afford to let two senators stop our progress. We need work to build a fair court system that supports economic growth.’” (Missouri Chamber Of Commerce & Industry, [Press Release](#), 4/7/22)

In 2020, Eigel Sponsored Failed Asbestos-Related Legislation That A Top VFW Official Attacked As A Means To Block Missouri Veterans From Receiving Compensation For Asbestos Exposure While On Duty

In 2020, Eigel Sponsored Failed Asbestos-Related Legislation (SB 575) That A Top VFW Official Attacked As A Means To Block Missouri Veterans From Receiving Compensation For Asbestos Exposure While On Duty. “Asbestos-related deaths have devastated thousands of Missouri families, with more than 4,700 residents dying between 1999 and 2017 from diseases triggered by asbestos exposure, according to a recent analysis of federal mortality data by the Environmental Working Group Action Fund. Among those Missourians who face an outsize burden of falling sick and dying from exposure to the deadly carcinogen are our veterans. That’s because of the military’s decades-long heavy use of asbestos in Navy ships and in Army, Air Force and Marines barracks. Veterans make up about 8% of the country’s population but account for roughly 30% of Americans diagnosed with mesothelioma — the extremely painful and fatal form of cancer that attacks the lining of the lungs, stomach and other organs and is caused only by asbestos exposure. There are

about 465,000 veterans in Missouri. Many have been able to receive compensation for their illness. But now legislation has been introduced that would erect a series of almost insurmountable roadblocks to prevent those who already or could one day suffer from asbestos-triggered diseases from getting the compensation they are due - or even deny it altogether. This legislation was recently introduced by two St. Louis area lawmakers, state Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, and Rep. David Gregory, R-Sunset Hills, at the behest of big insurance corporations and the asbestos industry. If passed, it would delay and deny veterans and other sick Missourians the right to hold asbestos companies accountable in their lifetimes. It would allow asbestos corporations to hijack and delay litigation so that many victims could succumb to their illness before they have an opportunity to receive justice. And it would rig long-established rules to let off the hook the very asbestos corporations responsible for poisoning veterans and other workers and citizens. ... On behalf the 30,000 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Department of Missouri, we strongly oppose this cynical proposal. If allowed to become law, it would deny veterans — and the many other Missourians who have been poisoned by asbestos — their constitutional rights. In the memory of those who have already died, we call on all fellow Missourians to urge your representatives in Jefferson City to stand with veterans and non-veterans alike who suffer from the devastating, deadly consequences of asbestos exposure.” (Veterans Of Foreign Wars-Missouri Commander Troy Williams, [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 2/25/20)

RIGHT TO WORK

During Eigel’s Successful 2016 State Senate Campaign, He Ran As A Supporter Of Right To Work, Which He Later Voted For In The Legislature. “The controversial ‘right to work’ issue has helped fuel a high-spending Republican primary campaign for eastern St. Charles County’s vacant state Senate seat. Labor-backed state Rep. Anne Zerr of St. Charles and businessman Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring, a favorite of right-to-work supporters, each are on pace to spend more than a half-million dollars on their races. ... Eigel’s biggest single money source has been David Humphreys, a Joplin roofing products executive and major right-to-work supporter, who gave \$150,000. The Missouri Club for Growth PAC, a pro-right-to-work group largely funded by St. Louis investor Rex Sinquefield, kicked in \$75,000. Another big contribution, \$100,000, came from Herzog Contracting Corp. of St. Joseph, a longtime donor to conservative causes.” (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 7/27/16)

COVID-19 Vaccine

VIDEO: In An August 2021 Appearance On “This Week In Missouri Politics,” Eigel Said He Received The COVID-19 Vaccine Manufactured By Johnson & Johnson. Eigel: “So let me say up front, I’ve gotten the vaccine. I’ve gotten the single shot from Johnson & Johnson. ... Here’s my takeaways from all the research that I’ve done. Does the vaccine provide some protection against the COVID virus and all of its variants? The answer to that question is, yes.” ([This Week In Missouri Politics](#), 8/1/21; 0:45 Mark)

Foreign Ownership Of Missouri Farmland

While Eigel Has Claimed To Support A “100% Ban On Foreign Ownership Of Missouri Farmland,” One Of His Gubernatorial Primary Opponents Has Criticized Him For Backing A Loophole To Allow Foreign Bad Actors Like Communist China To Buy Up As Much Land As They Want As Long As It Is Not Designated As Agricultural

In February 2023, Eigel Said He Was “The Only 2024 Missouri Candidate That Thinks There Should Be A 100% Ban On Foreign Ownership Of Missouri Farmland.” “In four digital ads criticizing

Ashcroft, Eigel argues the secretary of state is pushing legislation this year that doesn't go far enough to restrict foreign entities from acquiring real estate in Missouri. 'I am the only 2024 Missouri candidate that thinks there should be a 100% ban on foreign ownership of Missouri farmland,' Eigel said in one of the ads. ... Eigel is sponsoring legislation that would ban all new foreign ownership of land in Missouri beginning Aug. 28. 'Missouri ought to be owned by Missourians, or at the least, Americans,' Eigel said at a January committee hearing on his bill. ... Others have raised concerns that the provision in Eigel's bill barring foreign ownership of residential property could impact employees at companies like Germany-based Bayer, whose crop science division is based in the St. Louis area. 'My concern is historically, we talk about issues and we don't get stuff done,' he said. 'I don't want to be someone that's known for press conferences and press releases. I want to be someone that's known for getting policy accomplished.'" ([Missouri Independent](#), 2/20/23)

In May 2023, SOS Jay Ashcroft Charged That Eigel Backed A Loophole In A Bill To Ban Most Foreign Farmland Ownership That Would Allow Entities Tied To China, Iran And Other Bad Foreign Actors To Buy Up As Much Land As They Want As Long As It Was Not Designated For Farming. "Ashcroft began a late April column in *The Joplin Globe* by noting Kehoe's 2013 vote. And in another column on Tuesday, he wrote that the Senate with Eigel's help added a 'loophole' into legislation that would have allowed entities associated with China, Iran, Venezuela, Russia and North Korea to buy as much land as they want as long as it wasn't used for farming." (*The Kansas City Star*, 5/19/23)

SOCIAL ISSUES

Burning Books

In September 2023, Eigel Said He Would Burn Books If Elected Governor. "A Republican candidate for Missouri governor on Monday vowed to burn books if elected after he was criticized for a video showing him burning cardboard boxes with a flamethrower. The video, which has gone viral on social media, shows state Sen. Bill Eigel, a Weldon Spring Republican who is running for governor in 2024, and state Sen. Nick Schroer, a St. Charles Republican, using flamethrowers to torch a stack of boxes at a fundraising event in Defiance in St. Charles County on Friday. 'In the video, I am taking a flame thrower to cardboard boxes representing what I am going to do to the leftist policies and RINO corruption of the Jeff City swamp,' Eigel said in a statement to *The Star* on Monday. 'But let's be clear, you bring those woke pornographic books to Missouri schools to try to brainwash our kids, and I'll burn those too - on the front lawn of the governor's mansion.' Eigel's remarkable comment promising to burn books comes as he embarks on a campaign for governor attempting to appeal to the staunch right wing of the Missouri Republican Party." (*The Kansas City Star*, 9/18/23)

Abortion

The Staunchly Pro-Life Eigel Has Repeatedly Stated His Opposition To Any Abortion Exceptions

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Opposed Exceptions For Abortion In Cases Of Rape And Incest. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/2/24)

No b) Do you support legalizing abortion when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape?

In July 2023, Eigel Reiterated His Opposition To Any Exceptions To The State Abortion Ban, And He Attacked His Gubernatorial Primary Opponent Mike Kehoe For Supporting Exceptions For Rape And Incest. "...Kehoe is open to amending the state's near-total abortion ban to include exceptions for rape and incest if elected governor in 2024. 'As governor and the father of three daughters, Kehoe would consider approving legislation brought forward by the General Assembly that contains exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother,' Derek Coats, the Republican's campaign manager, said in an email to *The Star* this week. ... Eigel, a Weldon Spring Republican who is also eyeing a run for governor, said in an email Thursday that he would not support any additional exceptions to the abortion ban. Eigel went on to attack Kehoe for his stance. 'Republicans defend life,' the email said. 'Mike Kehoe has illustrated time and time again that he will join the Democrat Party in expanding the practice of abortion in Missouri.'" ([The Kansas City Star](#), 7/27/23)

In 2023, Eigel Said All Initiative Petitions To Restore Abortion Rights In Missouri Should Be Rejected

In December 2023, Eigel Said All Initiative Petitions To Restore Abortion Rights In Missouri Should Be Rejected. "Eigel has strongly held pro-life beliefs when it comes to the issue of abortion. He feels that the current initiative petitions circulating that seek to restore abortion rights in the state are unconstitutional, on grounds that they violate the single-subject rule that all ballot initiatives are subject to. 'Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft should reject every one of those items from the ballot before they ever get to the voters in this state,' Eigel said." ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 12/18/23)

Guns

The Staunchly Pro-Gun Eigel Opposes Background Checks On Gun Sales At Gun Shows And Requiring A License To Own A Gun

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Opposed Background Checks On Gun Sales Between Private Citizens At Gun Shows. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/2/24)

No b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows?

In His 2020 Project Vote Smart Questionnaire, Eigel Opposed Requiring A License For Gun Ownership. (Project Vote Smart, [Bill Eigel-2020 Survey](#), Accessed 1/2/24)

No



d) Should a license be required for gun ownership?

Transgender Issues

In December 2023, The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Reported That Eigel, An Outspoken Critic Of Transgender Rights, Received A \$2,500 Contribution In 2020 From Anheuser Busch, Which Recently Faced Significant Blowback Over Its Work With A Transgender Influencer. "Records show the [Anheuser Busch] company has supported both Democrats and Republicans in the Missouri Legislature, including some who are leading critics of transgender rights. In 2020, for example, Sen. Mike Moon, R-Ash Grove, received a \$1,500 check from the company. Three years later he led the charge to limit medical care for transgender youth. Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, received \$2,500 that year. Now running for governor, the hard right conservative voted in favor of the legislation that prohibited physicians from providing gender-affirming care to transgender minors who have not already begun treatment." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 12/9/23)