

WILLIAM CHARLES "BILL" EIGEL
BIOGRAPHY AND BACKGROUNDER



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SUMMARY/NARRATIVE

It is the opinion of this firm that had Eigel had any major opposition research done on him, he would NOT have become a state senator in the first place in 2016. With the sheer amount of stupid things Eigel has done SINCE becoming a state senator, a person running against him, with the information in this packet and information that will undoubtedly come from his 2020 voting record in the MO Senate, will have more than enough negative bullets to hit him with and have a new senator represent Senate District 23 in St. Charles County. Here are the points we think an opposing candidate needs to hit him on:

- 1. While campaigning on a platform of cutting taxes, he's actually sponsored legislation to RAISE taxes, raising both gas taxes AND raising the sales tax, costing lower-income Missourians hundreds of millions of dollars/year.
- 2. Although he campaigns as a pro-lifer, he's taken \$3,000.00 from a group that supports embryonic stem cell research.
- 3. Although he represents himself as a smart, successful businessman, he's shown repeated irresponsibility in running his businesses, being sometimes years late in paying his personal property taxes, as well as getting slapped with a State of MO tax lien for failure to pay taxes due to the state.
- 4. Although rumors abound that the Humphreys and other major benefactors of his 2016 campaign are not with him for re-election, the fact remains that the Humphreys, the Sinquefields and the Herzogs ALONE make up more than 51% of the donations to his political campaigns.
- 5. He'll claim that he was abiding by "conservative" ideals in voting against these, but in his quest to grab headlines and attention, he's gotten a reputation as a trouble maker, someone who is not interested in seeing that government runs properly, and voting against budget bills that fund BILLIONS for roads, education, seniors and veterans, highway patrolmen, and other needed services.
- 6. Eigel employed Carter Ballman to help run his campaign, who wound up being sentenced to 5 years in prison for trying to solicit sex from a 14-year-old while working for a state representative in the Capitol in Jefferson City.



7. Eigel is soft on crime, voting against funding for highway patrolmen, voting against a prescription drug registry to combat drug addiction, and voted against tougher laws to keep predators from having access to vulnerable senior citizens.

Eigel gives an opposing campaign so much to work with, it'll be hard to decide which things to use. I have faith, though, that there will be a campaign that will put this to effective use and send Bill Eigel packing in the election next year.

KEY BIOGRAPHICAL POINTS

Age: 42 (DOB: November 24, 1977)

Residence: 398 Patriotic Trail

Weldon Spring MO, 63304

(Loan Amount: \$1,097,330.00; year built was 2016)



Personal property: Owns a 2015 TLX Acura Sedan

Personal and real estate taxes have been paid on time, all the time, for as far back as they've lived in St. Charles County; however, he HAS been late in paying St. Louis County personal property taxes:



- He was 75 days late in paying personal property taxes for Eigel Enterprises for 2016, paying \$8.12 in interest and \$2.87 in penalties, paying them on 3/16/2017
- He was 441 days late in paying personal property taxes for Eigel Enterprises for 2015, paying \$33.17 in interest and \$3.43 in penalties, paying them on 3/16/2017
- He was 807 days late in paying personal property taxes for Eigel Enterprises for 2014, paying \$61.11 in interest and \$4.13 in penalties, paying them on 3/16/2017
- He was 61 days late in paying personal property taxes for STL Skylights for 2011, paying \$0.91 in interest and \$0.47 in penalties, paying them on 3/1/2012
- He was 426 days late in paying personal property taxes for STL Skylights for 2010, paying \$5.38 in interest and \$0.60 in penalties, paying them on 3/1/2012

Family: Amanda Renee Eigel (Maiden name: Zerr), Wife

Two Children, Kevin and Lisa

Education: MBA, Business, Webster University, 2004-2006

BS, Industrial Engineering, Purdue University, 1995-1999

USAF ROTC

Arnold Air Society

Employment: State Senator, State of Missouri, 2017-present

Chairman/Owner, National Skylight Solutions, 2014-2017

President, National Skylight Solutions, 2008-2014 General Manager, St. Louis Skylights, 2006-2008

Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer in Charge, USAF, 2005-2006

Flight Commander, USAF, 1999-2005

Businesses: National Skylight Solutions

Windy City Skylights

Eigel Missouri Investments, LLC

Eigel Farms, LLC

Eigel Enterprises I, LLC



Eigel Architectural Products

Military: United States Airforce, 1999-2006

Attained the rank of Captain

Served overseas during Operation Enduring Freedom

Associations: Volunteer, Missouri Veterans Retirement Home

Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars Member, National Rifle Association

Member, Saint Joseph's Catholic Parish, present

Websites: Campaign: http://billeigel.com/

Official: https://www.senate.mo.gov/mem23/

Social Media: Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/Eigelformo/

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/weigel77
Twitter - https://twitter.com/billeigel?lang=en
LinkedIn - https://www.linkedin.com/in/williameigel

Religiosity: Catholic, Attends St. Joseph's Catholic Parish in Cottleville

Biography (from: Senate.Mo.Gov):

Senator William C. (Bill) Eigel, was sworn into office on Jan 4, 2017, to serve the residents of Missouri's 23rd Senatorial District in St. Charles County. Senator Eigel is a United States Air Force military veteran of eight years and has owned a small business in St. Charles County for more than 10 years.

Senator Eigel, who held the rank of Captain while serving in the Air Force, completed assignments in Louisiana, Arizona, and most recently at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. He is a decorated veteran for service overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as he was awarded commendations for his service in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.



After leaving the service in 2006, Sen. Eigel purchased St. Louis Skylights, a small residential and commercial remodeling company. Despite the challenges of the economic recession in 2008 and 2009, St. Louis Skylights was renamed to National Skylight Solutions in 2010 as it grew to service all areas of the United States. With permanent locations in Missouri and Illinois, and serving customers in all 50 states, National Skylight Solutions (and affiliates) is one of the fastest growing skylight installation companies in the country.

Senator Eigel is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Rifle Association, and is a volunteer for the Missouri Veteran's Retirement Home in North St. Louis County. Senator Eigel lives in Weldon Spring with his wife, Amanda, and their two children. They are all members of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish in Cottleville, Missouri.



ABSENTEEISM

- 1. Eigel has missed 32 floor votes since becoming a MO Senator:
 - a. 2017 3
 - b. 2018 28
 - c. 2019 1
- 2. Eigel was absent for 38 of 73 (52%) of the votes of the 2019 MO Senate Fiscal Oversight Committee.
- 3. Eigel was absent for 6 of 29 (21%) of the votes of the 2019 MO Senate Health and Pensions Committee



AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT

- 1. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Agriculture and the MO Department of Natural Resources; was the ONLY senator to vote against this funding in 2019 (SCS HCS HB 2006, 4/25/2018; CCR & CCS SCS HCS HB 6, 5/9/2019) The 2019 legislation funded:
 - a. \$1.8 million for the Agriculture Business Development Fund to help market wines and grapes that come from Missouri, including from wineries in St. Charles County. (Section 6.030)
 - b. \$5.1 million for funding for the MO State Fair (Section 6.120)
 - c. \$100,000.00 for the cleanup of controlled substances, such as meth labs (Section 6.225)
 - d. \$26.3 million to reduce water pollution (Section 6.225)
- 2. Voted against allowing the growing of industrial hemp in MO (SCR 9, 4/12/2017)
- 3. The ONLY senator to vote against an additional \$1.7 million for the Division of State Parks for repairs to trails, exhibits and a list of related things associated with state parks (HCS HB 2019, 5/11/2018)
- 4. The ONLY senator to vote against an additional \$33 million for the Department of Conservation for improvements to wetlands, roads in conservation areas, and other conservation related improvements. (HCS HB 2019, 5/11/2018)

BUSINESS ISSUES

- One of only 5 senators to vote against allowing the Department of Economic Development to offer certain companies tax credits in an amount equal to or less than nine percent of new payroll if such company creates ten or more new jobs and the average wage of new payroll equals or exceeds 100% of the county average wage, thereby creating an incentive for job creation. (HCS SB 68, 5/9/2019)
- 2. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Transportation (HCS HB 4, 4/24/2019) This bill funded:
 - a. \$1.2 billion for road construction statewide (Section 4.410)
 - b. \$301 million for repairing 215 bridges statewide (Section 4.425)
 - c. \$396 million for road maintenance statewide (Section 4.435)
 - d. \$10.6 million for transportation programs for the elderly and the disabled statewide (Section 4.475)
- 3. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Economic Development (SCS HCS HB 2007, 4/25/2018) This bill funded:



- a. \$2.25 million for business recruitment and marketing to states and countries around the world (Section 7.025)
- b. \$2 million for the State Small Business Credit Initiative (Section 7.050)
- c. \$77.9 million for job training programs for those who find themselves unemployed, including those who lose their jobs due to unfair trade practices (Section 7.115)
- d. \$46.951.00 to enforce child labor laws (Section 7.820)

- 4. Eigel supports Right to Work legislation, which could be a hot button issue in the union-heavy north side of his Senate district.
 (https://themissouritimes.com/35186/eigel-poised-become-strong-business-adv ocate-senate/, 11/15/2016) It was a heated topic during his 2016 primary against Rep. Ann Zerr, a leading Republican proponent of labor issues. The primary became incredibly contentious and Eigel beat Zerr by just under 400 votes, winning roughly 40 percent of the district (Michael Carter received about 21 percent, Zerr took home 39 percent).
 (https://themissouritimes.com/33605/eigel-hopes-consolidate-st-charles-gop-contentious-primary/, 9/14/2016)
- 5. Eigel suggested the Conservative 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."

 (https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/republican-on-republic an-angst-jams-up-the-missouri-senate/article 7be63e71-d312-528c-b3c7-207d9 411b16a.html, 4/24/2019)
- 6. Eigel, Onder, Sen. Andrew Koenig and others had held up the Parson's Fast Track scholarship program because Senate leadership would not allow the group to add an amendment that would create what are known as Education Savings Accounts.



That proposal would more easily allow families to send their children to private schools, which critics fear would harm the public-school system. This move potentially put General Motors \$1 billion investment to its Wentzville plant in danger.

(https://www.columbiadailyherald.com/news/20190504/gm-asks-for-state-subsidies-to-expand-missouri-facility, 5/4/2019)

BUSINESS REVIEWS OF EIGEL

(NOTE: Some reviews below are from after Eigel left active management of the companies):

Eigel's businesses, St. Louis Skylights, Windy City Skylights, Eigel Enterprises I, and National Skylight Solutions all have generally favorable consumer reviews:

St. Louis Skylights 4.48/5 stars with 30 Verified ratings via Home Advisor https://www.homeadvisor.com/rated.StLouisSkylights.12133130.html

... However, there were two negative reviews:





★★★★★ 0.5 | 09-26-2014

Review by Pat J. in Saint Louis, MO

Project: Repair, Replace or Seal an Existing Skylight

I feel that we were deceive by this company because I was not told we would have to pay a 5% increase . To replace our skylight would be \$1152.00. We were shocked to be hit with a 5% increase on the price that we were not told about. I was very upset with the increase in price. I called the company to speak with a Jeff who had called me but he was out for a few days. I was told by the man that I spoke to that his sales people are instructed to tell the coustomers if they are not paying by cash or check there will be an extra charge of 5%.

Was this review helpful? Yes No



There was a notable negative review left on Yelp about St. Louis Skylights:





The short story is that I signed the contract and waited a long time for them to schedule me, only to be cancelled The reschedule time was ridiculous, I decided this company would not be very reliable if I had water leakage If they could not get around to installing my sun tunnel, how long would it take them to get around to fixing a water leak or some other damage. Now they want me to pay a \$192.50 restocking fee or they are going to put a lien on my house. Very uncool business practice. They have my \$192.50 and a bad review.

In April 2017 Sam came to my house to give me an estimate. He was very professional and thorough. I did not sign the contract at that time because I was getting quotes from their competitor. Sam followed up monthly with a phone call. In early June I signed and mailed in the contract. I chose this company because they were professional and I felt I would not have to worry about any warranty work should I have leaks from a sun tunnel.

6/14 Tony left me a message letting me know that he got the contract and would contact me to schedule something in

7/12 Tony left me a message letting me know that they are behind schedule, due to a heat wave, and would call back

8/4 Tony and I spoke and scheduled an install for 8/23

8/23 Tony called me in the morning to cancel the install. His installer was injured. He would call back to reschedule. (I had taken the time off of work to be at the house for the install - I am now out a day's wages).

9/5 Tony calls and leaves me a message. They have had a cancellation and would like to come that day to install. We work and cannot drop what we are doing to get to the house that day. My husband returns the call.

10/5 Tony calls and leaves a message. Want's to set up an install for 10/17.

At this point I have decided that this company clearly has no interest in coming out to install one lousy tube in a timely manner. This job is small and I am being shuffled around. have a sour taste in my mouth about this and worry that if there was a problem with the tube - how long would it take them to get out to fix the tube. I have changed my mind and no longer want a sun tube in my house. I ignore his

(https://www.yelp.com/biz/st-louis-skylights-chesterfield)

Windy City Skylights, a subsidiary in Chicago, averaged 4/5 stars from 6 reviews on yelp, but did receive a negative review in 2016:







(https://www.yelp.com/biz/windy-city-skylights-downers-grove)

Windy City Skylights received a rating of 4.61/5 stars from 54 Verified Ratings from Home Advisor.

(https://www.homeadvisor.com/rated.WindyCitySkylights.14880038.html)

But similarly had a number of low-star reviews:



Review by Tonie D. in Country Club Hills, IL

Project: Repair, Replace or Seal an Existing Skylight

I chose Windy City Skylights because they gave me the best price, but when they got here and finished the job it was not what they had quoted me! The salesman told me one thing and wrote one thing on the contract but when the installer got here it was entirely different! The salesman told me that they were going to do the interior work in the kitchen (it says interior on the contract) but they now said it was not the interior work I was thinking about! It must have been a misunderstanding? I think NOT! I had a quote from Houseworks for \$110 more which included the interior but I chose them because \$110 is better for me then for them!

1 of 1 users found this review helpful.

Was this review helpful? Yes No



Review by a homeowner in Mount Prospect, IL

Project: Repair, Replace or Seal an Existing Skylight

Hired them to replace a skylight. There was water leaking after a few months. I asked them to take a look at the flashing and they came and looked it from a distance and said there was nothing wrong. I hired a contractor to take care of it, and he told me the flashing was an issue. Once flashing was fixed, it didn't leak again. Not good experience.

1 of 1 users found this review helpful.

Was this review helpful? Yes No





Review by a homeowner in Rolling Meadows, IL

Project: Repair, Replace or Seal an Existing Skylight

I am rating this co. a 3 because the reason I contacted them was due to a leak in my skylight. After the skylight was relpalced the leak continued. A professional from Windy City came back to my place after 2 phone calls, free of charge, to look at the skylight, however he said that it was not leaking because of the skylight and instead it was the roof area around the skylight and that was not the responsility of his co. to fix. I was dissapointed because the services performed did not fix my problem. The quality of their work was good however I wish they would have told me that replacing the sly light would not solve the leak.

2 of 2 users found this review helpful.

Was this review helpful? Yes



CONSERVATIVE?

1. Despite being one of the leading members of the Senate Conservative Caucus, Eigel was spotted at the notoriously un-conservative Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys convention in 2019.

(https://moscout.squarespace.com/daily-updates-1/2019/6/26/moscout-daily-update-eigel-hearts-mata-roeber-running-again-curtman-to-wi-dandamundi-gets-abortion-case-mmi-map-online-and-more?rg=eigel, 6/26/2019)

2. In 2000, Eigel was registered as a Libertarian while living in Louisiana:

| 7: Louisiana Vote | r Registration |
|----------------------|---|
| | Registrant Information |
| Name: | EIGEL, WILLIAM CHARLES |
| Residential Address: | 4650 LAKESHORE DR APT 14 SHREVEPORT, LA 71109-2933 CADDO 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 |
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CONSUMER/FREEDOM ISSUES

 One of only 5 senators to vote against requiring MO drivers' licenses to be REAL ID compliant, an eventual requirement for Missourians to have in order to be able to board an airplane or enter a federal building (SS#2 HCS HB 151, 5/9/2017) Eigel was also one of nine senators to sign a letter to Attorney General Josh Hawley urging him to fight the enforcement of federal law



requiring states to adopt uniform security procedures on government-issued identity cards, such as driver's licenses – known as the REAL ID Act.

(https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-nine-missouri-senators-are-stepping-forward-to-make-your/article_40f5db66-04b7-5d91-9490-f60290e9bb73.html, 2/16/2017)

- 2. Voted to remove limits to how much cities and counties can charge for minor traffic violations, potentially allowing cities to become speed traps again (SS SCS SB 553, 5/1/2018)
- 3. Voted for legislation that would scrap the Missouri Merit System for state employees and make most state workers at-will employees subject to political pressure (SCS SB 1007, 5/1/2018)
- 4. One of only two senators to vote against in committee legislation that would require all childcare facilities to disclose the licensure status of the facility to the parents or guardians of children for which the facility provides care. Also, it would increase the existing fines for persons who make materially false statements in order to obtain or renew a license from a fine not to exceed \$200 for the first offense to a fine not to exceed \$500 and from a fine of up to \$200/day for subsequent offenses to a fine of up to \$500/day. Additionally, the Department of Health and Senior Services may close any illegally operating unlicensed childcare facility upon documentation of the illegal status of the facility or the finding of an emergency based on the harm or imminent harm to the children involved, subject to statutory procedures for license suspensions and revocations. A local prosecutor may file suit for a permanent order preventing the operation of the facility that shall remain in effect until the court determines that the childcare facility is in compliance with all licensing requirements. Any operator of a facility closed under this provision that is later found to have been legal shall have the right to exercise any rights and remedies that may be available at law or in equity. (SB 115, 2/28/2017)
- 5. The ONLY senator to vote against creating within the MO Department of Economic Development to administer giving grants of up to \$21 million/year to expand broadband Internet coverage to areas that either don't have broadband Internet at all or are under-served. (SS HCS HB 1872, 5/17/2018)



- 6. Voted against making disposable diapers eligible to be a tax-free purchase during the August back-to-school sales tax holiday; potentially a \$1 million tax break for families with newborns (HB 1831, 5/18/2018)
- 7. In a potentially unpopular opinion, even though Ameren petitions the MO Public Service Commission for rate increases constantly, Eigel praised electricity utility provider Ameren Missouri. He feels that they can be trusted "because of his personal experience," further stating "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."

 (https://themissouritimes.com/44714/threat-assessment-amendment-depends-controversial-utilities-bill/, 10/6/2017)
- 8. Eigel was the ONLY senator in committee to vote to continue to allow schools and employers to demand from students and employees, respectively, the passwords to their social media accounts (SB 316, 3/1/2017)

CRIME

- 1. Voted against setting up a prescription drug registry to combat prescription drug abuse (HCS HB 90 & 68, 4/3/2017, 4/13/2017; SS SB 74, 3/2/2017)
- 2. One of only 3 senators to vote against making it a Class D Felony for any employee of a law enforcement agency, while on the job, to have sexual contact with a witness in a case their agency is handling, or anybody that is detained by their agency (SS SCS SB 996, 4/5/2018)
- 3. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Corrections (SCS HCS HB 2009, 4/25/2018; CCR & CCS SCS HCS HB 2009, 5/9/2018) The 2018 bill funded:
 - a. \$75,278 in payments to those who were wrongly convicted (Section 9.030)
 - \$17.6 million for the NE Correctional Center in Bowling Green, MO, where lots of people from St. Charles County drive to work every day (Section 9.170)
- 4. One of only 2 senators to vote against putting into law that firms in the home health industry and in-home care services shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if they employ a person who is guilty or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to certain offenses, is on the Department of Health and Senior Services' employee disqualification list or the Department of Mental Health's



- employee disqualification registry, or has a finding on the child abuse and neglect registry (SS SCS HB 1350, 5/8/2018)
- 5. One of only 3 senators to vote against creating 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, such as a false police report. (SS SCS HB 1769, 5/8/2018)
- 6. Carter Ballman, who helped run Eigel's winning 2016 campaign and later served on his staff, was arrested in the Capitol after trying to arrange a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old.

(https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/columns/tony-messenger/messenger-with-all-eyes-on-greitens-another-predator-in-missouri/article_8346add4-e377-58

9b-92df-217260043add.html, 4/20/2018) Ballman was convicted and 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.

(https://www.hannibal.net/news/20190624/former-gop-legislative-aide-sentenced-for-child-porn, 6/24/2019)

7. Eigel stated that "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."

(https://fhntoday.com/2018/03/22/qa-with-bill-eigel-and-phil-christofanelli/, 3/22/2018)

EDUCATION

- Voted against establishing the Fast-Track Workforce Incentive Grant program, which gives students 25 and older going to college or a trade school up to \$500/year for help offsetting expenses that other college grants don't (HCS SB 68, 5/14/2019)
- 2. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Higher Education (HCS HB 3, 4/24/2019) This bill funded:
 - a. \$78.9 million for Access Missouri scholarships for Missouri college students nationwide (Section 3.050)



- b. \$568,000.00 for the payment of Advanced Placement tests for high school students who are disadvantaged (Section 3.080)
- c. \$21.1 million for Workforce Development activities (Section 3.135)
- d. \$1.5 million for the University of Missouri for research to treat spinal cord injuries (Section 3.275)
- e. \$1.75 million for the University of Missouri to treat kidney disease (Section 3.280)
- 3. Eigel supports charter school expansion and education reform legislation. (https://themissouritimes.com/66612/eigel-previews-2020-legislative-session/, 12/2/2019)
- 4. Eigel pushed 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.
 - (https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20190403/state-eyes-private-endowments-for-new-tax, 4/3/2019)

GOOD GOVERNMENT

- 1. Was absent for a vote to accept pay increases that were recommended by the Citizens Commission on Compensation (HCR 4, 1/30/2017) It appears he took a walk on this as he was present in the chamber that day AND he was present for the other two roll calls taken that day.
- 2. Sponsored legislation to make the first day of firearms deer season a state holiday, which would cost the state over \$1.7 million/year in costs, primarily associated with paying state workers for an additional day off and having to pay a higher pay differential for those workers who couldn't take off, such as prison guards and highway patrolmen. (SB 717, 2018;
 - https://www.senate.mo.gov/FiscalNotes/2018-1/5202-01N.ORG.pdf)



- 3. One of only 5 senators to vote against these good government reforms (CCR & CCS HCS SB 111, 5/11/2017):
 - a. Require political subdivisions with a bond rating higher than AA+ to issue bonds through competitive bidding, unless they employ an independent municipal advisor to steer them through the process
 - b. Requires public administrator candidates to supply to their local election authority a signed affidavit stating they meet the minimum bonding requirements needed to be a public administrator in MO
- 4. One of only 5 senators to vote against opposing the state of Missouri getting involved with any effort to merge St. Louis City and St. Louis County; with this vote, Eigel is saying the State Legislature knows what's best for St. Louis City and County better than those residents do. (SCR 1, 4/18/2019)
- 5. Even though Eigel represents himself as a limited government, strong conservative type, he was not above getting \$2 million in state taxpayer money to help Bangert Island, which is in the middle of the Missouri River, become less flood-prone and where developers could convert Bangert Island into various developments. Members of BOTH parties attacked Eigel's idea, with Democrat Jill Schupp, not a conservative by any means, asking Eigel "Why would the people of my district (mid St. Louis County), 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."

(https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/state-and-regional/st-charles-wants-state-taxpayers-to-pay-million-to-re/article_eee8a1fd-dd1d-5e9o-901c-f410b1a04671.html, 5/1/2019; SCR 37, 2018; HCR 77, 2018)

- 6. One of only 3 senators to vote against raising the penalty for a governmental entity in MO that knowingly violates the MO Sunshine Law from a maximum \$1,000.00 penalty per violation to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per violation, as well as making these violations a Class B Misdemeanor. (SS SCS SB 996, 4/5/2018)
- 7. The ONLY senator to vote against construction of a new headquarters for the MO Highway Patrol. (HCS HB 2019, 5/11/2018)
- 8. Eigel said that the "ability to stall and kill legislation" was a prime reason for his decision to run for the Senate as opposed to another office.



(https://themissouritimes.com/podcast/eigel-lohmann-talk-endorsements-campaigns/, 10/20/2016)



- 9. According to an email obtained by the Post-Dispatch, Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring, wants the six-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. (https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/republican-on-republic an-angst-jams-up-the-missouri-senate/article 7be63e71-d312-528c-b3c7-207d9 411b16a.html, 4/24/2019) 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. (https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/republican-on-republic an-angst-jams-up-the-missouri-senate/article 7be63e71-d312-528c-b3c7-207d9 411b16a.html, 4/24/2019) Eigel said, "If our priorities don't see the finish line this week, the chamber should be stalled until that occurs." (https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/republican-on-republic an-angst-jams-up-the-missouri-senate/article 7be63e71-d312-528c-b3c7-207d9 411b16a.html, 4/24/2019)
- 10. Eigel praised Greitens for running against a "lifelong politician" and that he was "very optimistic" about the results of Greitens' 2016 campaign.

 (https://themissouritimes.com/podcast/eigel-lohmann-talk-endorsements-campaigns/, 10/20/2016)
- 11. Eigel opposed Sen. Schaaf's ethics reform package to place a ban on so-called dark money in politics.

 (https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article148906099.html



, 5/5/2017) Regarding the package, Eigel said "I understand your effort, but I'm concerned about the method... My concern is, if we're willing to open up the privacy that's associated with these organizations, what other unintended consequences will be out there down the road?"

(https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/missouri-senators-push-for-dark-money-disclosure-in-final-days/article_cbo14801-9fbe-5433-b546-e576e9de07e9.html, 5/2/2017)

12. During the Conservative Caucus' 2019 filibuster attempts, Eigel began reading some of former President Ronald Reagan's speeches on the Senate Floor as a delaying tactic.

(https://www.newstribune.com/news/news/story/2019/may/14/mid-missouri-lawmakers-still-hoping-some-legislative-successes/778602/, 3/13/2019) Eigel's reportedly also had "Wealth of States" at the ready for the filibuster. The book was co-authored by Rex Sinquefield and Travis Brown; Eigel has taken \$150,000.00 in contributions from Sinquefield and his related campaign committees.

(https://moscout.squarespace.com/daily-updates-1/2018/5/23/wednesday-april -25-barnes-committees-full-pipeline-eigel-scorched-senate-floor-gop-moves-in-house-11?rq=eigel, 5/23/2018; campaign contribution information from the MO Ethics Commission; www.mec.mo.gov)

- 13. Three families make up 51.3% of the donations to his regular campaign fund:
 - a. \$350,000.00 from the Humphreys family of TAMKO Enterprises, primarily based in Joplin, MO
 - b. \$150,000.00 from Herzog Contracting of St. Joseph, MO
 - c. \$83,968.00 from MO Club for Growth, controlled by Rex Sinquefield

LEGAL CASES AND OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS MADE

- 1. 11/29/2006, ST V EIGEL, WILLIAM, AC TR State Traffic Ticket, Case No. 060341200; speeding by 11-15 mph over; Pettis County, MO
- 2. 10/25/2013, COUNTY OF ST CHARLES V WILLIAM CHARLES EIGEL, County Ordinance Traffic, Case No. 130422765; expired plates; St. Charles County, MO
- 3. 11/16/2016, ST V WILLIAM EIGEL, AC TR State Traffic Ticket, Case No. 702190467; speeding by 16-19 mph over; MO Highway Patrol in Randolph County, MO



4. Eigel Enterprises / National Skylight Solutions had a state tax lien of \$856.00 in 2012; will be attached in a separate document.



FOIA Requests (law enforcement)

- A. Waiting for replies from:
 - 1. Johnson County Mo Sheriff
 - 2. Shreveport LA PD
 - 3. Caddo Parrish LA Sheriff
 - 4. Pima County AZ Sheriff
 - 5. Tucson AZ PD
 - 6. Cook County IL Sheriff
 - 7. Wichita County TX Sheriff
 - 8. O'Fallon MO PD Forwarded record on 2/6/2020
- B. "No records" replies from:
 - 1. Centerville OH PD
 - 2. Montgomery County OH Sheriff
 - 3. St. Charles County PD
 - 4. St. Charles County Sheriff
 - 5. St. Charles MO PD
 - 6. Sahuarita AZ PD
 - 7. Bossier County LA Sheriff
 - 8. West Lafayette IN PD
 - 9. Tippecanoe County IN Sheriff
 - 10. Streamwood IL PD
 - 11. Dayton OH PD



NEWS/NOTEWORTHY

1. Eigel introduced Senate Joint Resolution 54 for the 2020 Legislative Session proposing an end to personal property taxes. He said of the legislation: "[I] want a fair system of taxation that doesn't involve an annual punishment just for owning a car." However, opponents have argued that it would cause a massive shortfall in county revenues and would have to be made up with increased levies elsewhere.

(https://www.ky3.com/content/news/Missouri-state-senator-files-bill-to-end-personal-property-tax-566151361.html, 12/12/2019) He further continued his support of the SJR, stating: "We don't even see that money at the state level but it goes currently to local governments," Eigel said. "This is a tax not a lot of states levy and the best way we can address helping the middle-class households is to push back on that and move away from that tax."

(https://fox2now.com/2019/12/11/missouri-state-senator-wants-to-eliminate-ve hicle-property-tax/, 12/11/2019) The legislation, however, would not end property tax on houses, land, etc.

(https://971talk.radio.com/blogs/the-marc-cox-morning-show/missouri-enator-bill-eigel-eliminating-personal-property-tax, 12/13/2019) Eigel states that he believes that "cutting taxes leads to growth" and that the detractors for his plan to cut personal property taxes will be offset by the economic growth of the private sector.

(https://971talk.radio.com/blogs/the-marc-cox-morning-show/missouri-enator-bill-eigel-eliminating-personal-property-tax, 12/13/2019) He further argued that "all levels of government are getting more taxpayer dollars than they ever have gotten before" and that it should have limited impact on local revenues. (https://971talk.radio.com/blogs/the-marc-cox-morning-show/missouri-enator-bill-eigel-eliminating-personal-property-tax, 12/13/2019)

- Eigel is a forefront member of the Conservative Caucus which has clashed with the Republican Party on a number of issues, particularly Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP).
 (https://themissouritimes.com/66612/eigel-previews-2020-legislative-session/, 12/2/2019)
- 3. Eigel introduced conservative firebrand Paul Curtman at his exploratory committee announcement for U.S. Senate in 2017.



- (https://themissouritimes.com/42913/curtman-launches-exploratory-campaign-700/, 7/29/2017)
- 4. Eigel's 2016 victory signals a shift in the ideology of the seat, as it previously belonged to former President Pro Tem Tom Dempsey before his decision to step down last summer. Dempsey was against right-to-work legislation.

 (https://themissouritimes.com/32325/eigel-defeats-zerr-in-senate-district-23/, 8/3/2016)
- 5. Eigel's allies painted Zerr as being on the "hard-left" of the Republican party given her pro-labor voting record on issues like right-to-work, paycheck protection, and the controversial anti-LGBTQ SJR39.

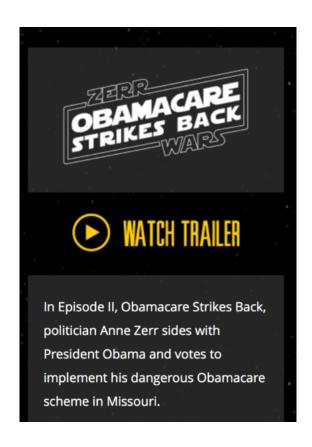
 (https://themissouritimes.com/31974/zerr-responds-to-sjr-39-criticism/, 7/25/2016) Zerr had the support of most of the St. Charles institutional GOP crowd, including big names like Ehlmann, Gross, and Dempsey.

 (https://themissouritimes.com/31644/state-senate-tip-sheet-july-2016/, 7/16/2016)
- 6. Eigel received donations and endorsements from some of the most vocal anti-labor forces in the state, including the Missouri Club for Growth and David Humphreys who have donated a combined \$175,000 to his campaign. He also has the support of prominent Senate Republicans like Sen. Bob Onder and Sen. Brian Munzlinger, who have donated to his campaign from their own campaign funds.
 - (https://themissouritimes.com/31492/zerr-eigel-carter-present-three-different-paths-st-charles-republicans/, 7/15/2016)
- 7. Regarding how Greitens' scandals might affect legislative business, Eigel said the lack of communication between the governor and senators "has sort of insulated us from some of his troubles but it's also lessened the role for the governor." Eigel said he'd like to see Greitens "do a better job building relationships inside the Missouri Senate." "I think he's going to find his remaining years in office very difficult if he can't make simple outreaches to the people that ultimately want to help his agenda," he said.
 - (https://www.ksmu.org/post/politically-speaking-sen-eigel-delves-tax-cut-bill-passed-senate-lightning-speed#stream/0, 4/3/2018)
- 8. Eigel has stated one of the earliest people he met in politics was the controversial former Senator Jim Lembke and that Jim had helped him knock doors for his campaign.
 - (https://themissouritimes.com/podcast/eigel-lohmann-talk-endorsements-camp



- aigns/, 10/20/2016) Lembke is listed as a senior advisor to the Conservative Leadership PAC.
- (https://themissouritimes.com/66551/senate-conservative-caucus-mission-highl ighted-in-new-ads/, 11/26/2019)
- 9. Eigel also posted a website taking a shot at Stan Kroenke, stating "Stan Kroenke Took the Rams, Now he wants another bailout. Sign up to say enough is enough! No more bailouts!" (http://eigel4missouri.com/)
- 10. Eigel says he supports barring lobbyists from giving gifts to lawmakers and wants to extend a "cooling off period" before a former legislator can working as a lobbyist. But he's opposed to campaign donation limits, contending that they won't be effective at keeping money out of politics. (https://www.krcu.org/post/politically-speaking-republican-bill-eigel-seeks-big-
- policy-changes-missouri-senate#stream/o, 8/15/2016)
- 11. Eigel opposed campaign contribution limits, arguing that the state's campaign finance system will look a lot like the federal system – and that's not meant as a compliment. "Because the same amount of money is finding its way into our campaigns at the federal level," Eigel said. "And the same amount of cynicism and negativity still exists as a result of that money that's going into federal campaigns. But what's happened at the federal level, instead of what's being given to candidates where they can report it and there's transparency – it's funneled into SuperPACs."
 - (https://www.ktep.org/post/missouri-voters-decide-whether-rein-unlimited-poli tical-cash, 10/18/2016)
- 12. Eigel launched a particularly damning attack against Zerr with a Star Wars theme called "Zerr Wars."
 - (https://themissouritimes.com/25393/texts-from-the-trail-once-upon-a-time-in <u>-missouri/</u>, 12/21/2015)





13. Eigel has stated a top legislative priority for 2020 is a fix to Clean Missouri's redistricting plan – a plan which was overwhelmingly passed by Missouri voters in 2018.

(https://themissouritimes.com/66612/eigel-previews-2020-legislative-session/, 12/2/2019) SJR 23, proposed by Eigel, repeals the position of the nonpartisan state demographer at the heart of Amendment 1. The demographer is charged with redrawing district lines, determining how the state is divided into legislative districts. The resolution brings back the Independent Citizens House and Senate Redistricting commissions, bipartisan committees appointed by the governor that drew the district lines. The Senate committee was comprised of 10 senators,



and the House committee was comprised of 16 representatives, two for each congressional district in Missouri. Eigel argues that although the state demographer position is nonpartisan, appointing them via nomination by the state auditor is not. Democrat Nicole Galloway has served as Missouri's state auditor since 2015. "If you go to a state demographer ... that rolls back some of the provisions that we intended to have in terms of fairness of the system," Eigel said. "I think the way we had it before was better."

(https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/state_news/voters-approved-clea n-missouri-but-lawmakers-want-them-to-reconsider/article_4a4739e4-404d-11e 9-b735-bfff863b5ed4.html, 3/18/2019)

- 14. Eigel stated that Republicans are "almost near the finishing line" of Second Amendment and Right to Life legislation and that there "Isn't a lot of meat on the bone left" on either topic. He stated that the Conservative caucus will be shifting to fiscal issues in the 2020 cycle as a result.

 (https://themissouritimes.com/66612/eigel-previews-2020-legislative-session/, 12/2/2019)
- 15. Eigel broke from Gov. Parson's plan to pay for road and bridge maintenance by pitching a new plan to pay for road and bridge maintenance. He 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. Under his proposal, the state would 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.

(https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/missouri/articles/2019-03-04/missouri-gop-lawmaker-pitches-alternative-road-repair-plan, 3/4/2019)

16. Eigel supported a controversial Title IX reform bill in 2019, stating: "This is one of the foundational principles of our Republic – the idea that you have the right to face your accusers, that you have the assumption of innocence, that you have the right to move through a specific process to prevent precisely some of the situations that again we've seen evidence that this is a problem in the state. He says, in certain instances, the culture at some of Missouri's colleges and universities have reached an unhealthy place and are not conducive to elements



of free speech and fair treatment in the review process. "I think that this bill begins to take a stand against some of the more egregious examples where we've gotten away from these very bedrock foundational principles," Eigel says. "This is black and white in the Constitution. This is something that I think should garner bipartisan support because I don't know of anyone who wants to end up on the side of not wanting to see citizens get due process when they're accused of a crime."

(https://www.missourinet.com/2019/04/17/contentious-sexual-assault-harassment-bill-stalls-in-missouri-senate/, 4/17/2019)

- 17. Eigel filed SCJ 19 that urges our Missouri Congressional Delegation to oppose the Green New Deal.
 - (https://renewmo.org/re-news/help-us-stand-up-to-junk-science-in-jefferson-city/, 3/6/2019)
- 18. Eigel's 2018 tax package was met with criticism due to comparisons of cuts championed by former Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and later abandoned by the Kansas Legislature.
 - (https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article207220354.html, 3/28/2018)
- 19. Some Republicans in Jefferson City view Eigel as a grandstander and think his ideological bent is detrimental to getting stuff done. "I haven't had one constituent complain about their state taxes" said one GOPer about Eigel's various state income tax plans.
 - (https://moscout.squarespace.com/daily-updates-1/2019/4/4/moscout-daily-update-justice-pre-announces-april-quarter-talk-about-eigel-education-gaming-and-more?rq=eigel, 4/4/2019)
- 20. Eigel met with anti-tax firebrand Grover Norquist and said they were looking at ways to work together in the Missouri legislature. The meeting, which was arranged by Gregg Keller, also included Jim Lembke and consultant Dave Hageman.
 - (https://moscout.squarespace.com/daily-updates-1/2019/8/22/moscout-daily-update-special-session-called-senate-5-17-19-talk-grover-hearts-eigel-meet-wickh am-james-and-more?rq=eigel, 8/22/2019)
- 21. Eigel sponsored legislation to end the 1% earnings taxes in Kansas City and St. Louis in 2019. The proposed legislation would have gradually eliminated the earnings tax over 10 years.



- (http://www.missouribusinessalert.com/government/101404/2018/12/12/state-bill-puts-kc-st-louis-earnings-taxes-in-crosshairs/, 12/12/2018)
- 22. Eigel opposed allowing tax credits for people who donate to political campaigns, arguing that it would result in "incentivizing political involvement."

 (https://www.linncountyleader.com/news/20170125/missouri-republican-wants-tax-credits-for-political-donors, 1/25/2017)
- 23. Eigel sponsored Senate Bill 269 in 2019 which proposes an aggregate cap on MO LIHTC authorized in any fiscal year to \$130 Million.

 (https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=e07b98e1-f5ad-4979-b9ff-c7f9b78d5ed8, 2/5/2019)
- 24. Eigel voted in favor of 2017 SB5, which pre-empts local governments from enacting ordinances that adversely affect legal rights of individuals based on their views of abortion, requires abortion clinics to be inspected annually and gives the Missouri attorney general greater authority to enforce Missouri's abortion laws. It also requires abortion clinics to develop plans for managing medical emergencies, requires all fetal tissue (not just a representative sample) from abortion to be sent for pathology exam, provides whistleblower protections for employees involved with abortion, and prohibits abortion clinic workers from instructing first responders not to follow protocol when responding to an emergency at an abortion clinic.
 - (https://www.archstl.org/prolife-groups-laud-the-passage-of-senate-bill-5-1534, 7/26/2017)
- 25. Eigel also sponsored SB 457 in 2017 to give 7,000 miles of roads back to county control making local governments accountable and responsible for their maintenance. It also proposed the creation of an I-70 improvement fund that 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. It was met with significant resistance from county government officials.

 (http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/county/proposed-bill-would-give-roads-back-to-counties--/article_0765d8f6-0f03-11e7-b38c-470d8de8244a.html, 3/24/2017)
- 26. Of the Fast Track program, Eigel said: "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"

 (https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article230303554.html, 5/12/2019)



- 27. One of Eigel's primary opponents, Mike Carter, criticized Eigel for recently moving to the district and made comparisons to him being a "carpetbagger."
 - i. "Having lived in Missouri Senate District 23 for twenty-two years, Mike Carter is well aware of all the great things SD23 has to offer. "It's an amazing place to live and a great place to raise kids. I've lived here a very long time and am proud to call it home," Carter said. Carter has also owned and operated his law firm, Carter Law Offices, in the heart of the district since 2004.
 - ii. For all these reasons, Carter is happy to welcome Bill Eigel to the community with open arms. "Bill's new around here. He moved into this district very recently and I'm sure he'll grow to love it just as much as I do."
 - iii. Eigel purchased his Weldon Spring home one year ago today, and some are concerned that his unfamiliarity with this particular district isn't a good thing. Like any other place, SD23 has problems unique to the district and a collective voice all its own. Many feel that someone new to the area might not be aware of the particular needs and demands of the district's constituents.
 - iv. Similar concerns arose during the 2000 US Senate race in New York when Hillary Clinton purchased a house in Chappaqua, New York barely a year before the election in order to run. Clinton was labeled a carpetbagger and was accused of being opportunistic and not really caring about New Yorkers.
 - v. So how similar are Hillary and Eigel? "I don't know about that," Carter commented. "I care about the needs of the people in this district, and I know what



those needs are because I live here and have gotten to know the other members of this community in my many years here. I can't speak for Mr. Eigel or what he cares about. All I can speak to is what motivates me.""

- vi. (http://newwentzvillian.blogspot.com/2016/)
- 28. Eigel served on Cruz for President's Missouri Leadership Team in 2016, thereby worked against Donald Trump.

(http://www.p2016.org/cruz/cruz031416prmo.html, 3/14/2016)

- 29. A local resident decried large contributions by megadonors Rex Sinquefield and David Humphreys towards Eigel's 2016 campaign effort, stating:
 - i. "I do not often agree with the Post-Dispatch editorial page. However, the editorial "All that money" (July 13) sure got it right regarding campaign contributions. Billionaire Rex Sinquefield of St. Louis and David Humphreys of Joplin are also trying to buy the 23rd District State Senate seat. They have bankrolled Bill Eigel's campaign by donating over \$200,000 to his coffers.
 - ii. St. Charles County residents deserve a senator from this county and one who listens to the citizens of this county. Sinquefield and Humphreys hand-picked Eigel and moved him into the 23rd Senate district a year ago.
 - iii. This is exactly why this Republican joins the Post-Dispatch in calling for campaign contribution limits in Missouri. Let Sinquefield and Humphreys buy up the politicians in their communities but leave those of us in St. Charles County to pick our own senators."
 - iv. Chad Lange St. Charles
 County(https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/mailbag/big-money-donors-try-to-buy-state-senate-seat/article_18b58385-fe65-55a9-b1fa-fa77291364cd.html,7/19/2016)
- 30. Eigel sponsored legislation that would end the decades-old practice of two agencies providing ambulance service in St. Charles the City's fire department



and the St. Charles County Ambulance District. "There really is a redundancy of services here," said Eigel "The taxpayer (in the city) pays for something twice." The ambulance district issued a statement saying the measure raises "numerous logistical challenges that would impact the safety" of city residents and visitors. "If either were to remove units from the city, the remaining agency would undoubtedly have to add personnel and equipment at an increased cost," the statement

said.(https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/stcharles/bill-could-force-public-vote-on-who-should-provide-st/article_84941ac8-2396-5e4c-89e9-3702480305dd.html, 12/30/2016)

- 31. Eigel opposed Greitens' Bootheel jobs push to attract two factories to Southeast Missouri, arguing that: "Every one of my constituents will pay for that difference," said Sen. Bill Eigel, "Without setting parameters and limits on the amount of discounts they can offer, we don't know how much this is going to cost. That's a big concern."
 - (https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/greitens-bootheel-jobs-push-could-cost-ameren-customers/article_563341cd-70aa-5f86-a21f-8e7b9da 2f882.html, 5/26/2017)
- 32. Eigel sponsored legislation making the first day of firearms deer season in the state, will be an official state holiday. Actually, since Nov. 10 falls on a Saturday, Eigel's Senate Bill 717 specifies that when deer season opens on the weekend, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. Since Monday, Nov. 12, is also a state holiday for Veterans Day, some folks might be looking at a four-day weekend.
 - (https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-short-takes-on-hunter-holidays-historical-hysterics-and-branding/article b68549d6-76dc-594f-9ed2-e177210e33fo.html, 1/5/2018)
- 33. Eigel sponsored 2019 SJR 12, which would require all tax issues to receive a majority vote in an election in which at least 50 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.
 - (http://www.dailystarjournal.com/news/local/bill-would-require-percent-voter-turnout-on-tax-issues/article 3256oc2e-47ef-5a6d-9d22-f4b5984d5807.html, 1/24/2019)



34. Eigel sponsored legislation that would forbid the use of electronic voting machines and require the exclusive use of traditional paper ballots. "The machines cost \$5,000 apiece, roughly," Eigel said. "When the time comes that they need to replace the machines, sometime in the future, they won't need as many machines. Now 1,000 machines at \$5,000 apiece, that's \$5 million. That'll buy 25 years of paper ballots."

(https://www.nwmissourinews.com/news/article_515bff96-3859-11e8-ae19-5b94ef59c9b2.html, 4/4/2018)

SENIORS/VETERANS

- One of only 4 senators to vote against providing financial assistance to help lower-income Missourians, including seniors, to buy hearing aids (SCS SB 101, 3/14/2019)
- 2. Voted against funding for the MO Veterans Commission (CCR & CCS SCS HCS HB 8, 5/9/2019) The bill funded:
 - a. \$7.2 million to supplement the salaries of deputy sheriffs statewide (Section 8.020)
 - \$3.2 million for the Violence Against Women program, which works to reduce domestic violence and other forms of violence against women (Section 8.040)
 - c. \$121.8 million for funding the MO State Highway Patrol (Section 8.080)
 - d. \$85.1 million for funding the operation of Missouri Veterans Homes statewide, including the one in St. Louis, that helps take care of veterans when they need nursing home care at no charge to them (Section 8.180)
- 3. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Mental Health and the MO Department of Senior Services (SCS HCS HB 10, 4/24/2019) This bill funded:



- a. \$1.255 million for housing assistance for homeless veterans (Section 10.050)
- b. \$1.5 million for suicide prevention initiatives (Section 10.200)
- c. \$499.4 million for providing home-health services that are directed by the senior receiving the services (Section 10.810)
- d. \$438.4 million for funding various services for low-income seniors, such as Meals on Wheels, adult day care, and other needed services (Section 10.815)
- e. \$550,000.00 for the funding of research on Alzheimer's Disease (Section 10.825)
- 4. One of only 2 senators to vote against establishing the "Senior Services Growth and Development Program" in the Department of Health and Senior Services to provide additional funding for senior services through area agencies on aging. Beginning January 1, 2020, the Director of the Department of Revenue shall deposit 5%, phased in over two years, of the premium tax collected from certain insurance companies and associations, excluding any moneys statutorily-mandated to be transferred to the State School Moneys Fund and excluding the cost of collection, in the "Senior Services Growth and Development Program Fund". (SCS SB 275, 5/17/2019)
- 5. One of only 3 senators to vote against allowing the Department of Revenue to waive the written test part of the commercial driver's test (they can already waive the driving portion) for qualified military applicants (SB 368, 5/9/2019)
- 6. The ONLY senator to vote against \$42 million for the design and construction of National Guard facilities statewide. (HCS HB 2019, 5/11/2018)
- 7. One of only 2 senators to vote against creating the "Missouri Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program." The MO Department of Agriculture, through a federal grant program with the USDA Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, will provide low-income seniors at least 60 years of age or older with vouchers from county designated distribution sites that may be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agricultural programs. Grants are estimated to be just under \$400,000.00/year. (HB 1625, 5/18/2018)

SOCIAL ISSUES

1. Voted against funding for the MO Department of Social Services EIGHT TIMES!! (SCS HCS HB 11, 4/26/2017; CCR & CCS SCS HCS HB 11, 5/4/2017; SCS HCS



HB 2011, 4/25/2018; CCR & CCS SCS HCS HB 2011, 5/9/2018; CCR & CCS SCS HCS HB 11, 5/9/2019) The 2019 bill funded:

- a. \$10 million in supplemental support for food banks statewide (Section 11.150)
- b. \$2.1 million for alternative to abortion services (Section 11.155)
- c. \$37.6 million for supplemental payments to the blind (Section 11.170)
- d. \$80 million for low-income home energy assistance (Section 11.190)
- e. \$562,137 for emergency shelter services for victims of domestic violence (Section 11.195)
- f. \$134.4 million for funding for foster kids and their families (Section 11.325)
- g. \$646.1 million for funding for nursing home care for low-income seniors (Section 11.660)
- 2. Voted to continue to allow MO State Government and businesses to discriminate against gays and transgenders (SSA 1 SA 1 SS SCS SB 43, 2/27/2017; SA 1 SS SCS SB 43, 2/27/2017)
- 3. Voted against appropriating an additional \$7.7 million for school districts to help with the cost of teaching kids with mental special needs that are placed by the MO Department of Mental Health in residential situations to help them. (HA 1 SCS HCS HB 10, 4/26/2017)

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- 2. However, he sponsored legislation to increase the state sales tax from 4.225% to 6.225%; albeit also lowering the state income tax from 5.5% to 4% over time. The sales tax increase would increase state revenues by \$1.46 BILLION annually; the decreased income tax revenue would be lowered by \$1.1 billion, resulting in a NET tax increase of \$375 million/year (SB 52, 2019) Eigel presented SB 52 to the



Senate Ways and Means Committee, which aims to transition Missouri away from an income tax to a consumption tax in a revenue neutral way (It's NOT revenue neutral, by the 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. (https://themissouritimes.com/57343/lawmaker-looks-to-transition-missouri-a

- way-from-income-tax-to-consumption-tax/, 2/12/2019)
 Eigel sponsored the Missouri Economic Relief Act (MERA) in 2018 which decreased state income tax and increased fuel use taxes. Of the legislation, Eigel said: "The best way to stimulate economic growth in Missouri is to lift the burden on the small business owners who are actually creating the jobs that politicians
 - always talk about. MERA will make Missouri the second-lowest income tax state of any of our neighbors—lower than Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kentucky. There's no better incentive for business owners to come to Missouri than more of their own capital."

(https://themissouritimes.com/45620/eigel-proposing-reducing-income-tax-from-5-9-to-4-8-for-small-business-owners/, 11/6/2017) Americans for Prosperity-Missouri released a statement opposing Eigel's SB 617 tax reform bill, arguing that it would "ultimately provide no increased benefit to Missouri taxpayers..." and that it would "include a devastating gas tax on the state level." (https://americansforprosperity.org/afp-missouri-legislature-still-work-tax-reform/, 2/28/2018) Here's how this bill (SB 617, 2018) would have increased taxes:

- a. It would have taxed sales in Missouri that were conducted on the Internet, and experts say that at least \$210 million/year would be collected additionally each year.
- b. It would have increased the gas tax by 6 cents/gallon per year by 2023, which would have increased state tax revenue by \$252 million/year.
- 4. Eigel sponsored SB 50, which proposed a tax rate of 6.5% to be collected from internet sellers located outside of the state.



(http://www.missouribusinessalert.com/industries/102631/2019/02/07/senators-pitch-two-plans-for-internet-sales-tax/, 2/7/2019)

- 5. Eigel has stated that he wants Missouri's income tax to go "down to zero."; however, he hasn't proposed legislation to get rid of the MO income tax, as states like TX, TN and FL have already done.
 - (https://www.missouribestmidwest.com/bios/bill-eigel/)
- 6. Eigel was a member of the 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force which considered a variety of transportation funding options, including toll roads and tolling major bridges.

(https://www.modot.org/sites/default/files/documents/transportation_plannin g/2018_statewide_planning_partner_meeting_presentations/21st_century_mo_ transp_task_force_recommendations.pdf) This task force recommended the following:

- a. A 10 cent/gallon gas tax increase on gasoline, and a 12 cent/gallon gas tax increase on diesel fuel
- b. Double the registration fee for electric vehicles to \$150.00 and to \$75.00 for hybrid vehicles

RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Abortion



2016 MO Right to Life:

2018 NARAL Pro-choice MO:

2018 Planned Parenthood MO:

2018 MO Right to Life:

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2019 NARAL Pro-choice MO:

2018 Planned Parenthood MO:

2018 Planned Parenthood MO:

2018 MO Right to Life:

60%

Business Groups





2018 Associated Industries of MO:

60%



2018 Missouri NFIB: 100%; Endorsed in 2016

Conservative Groups



2017 American Conservative Union: 100%

Environmental Groups



2017-2018 Sierra Club – Ozark Chapter: 13%

Guns



2016 NRA: 86%, B Endorsed

SOCIAL MEDIA

Existing Accounts:

Facebook (personal) - https://www.facebook.com/weigel77



https://www.facebook.com/Eigelformo/ Facebook (campaign) -

Twitter https://twitter.com/BillEigel

https://www.linkedin.com/in/williameigel/ LinkedIn -

Notable Posts:



William Eigel @BillEigel · Dec 26

If you rearrange the words in this tweet you get: "if we can get enough money from the taxpayer to fund it, then the actual utility of 'it' is irrelevant." There's always someone willing to defend even the worst Gov ideas.



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Scott Ogilvie @ScottOgilvieSTL · Dec 26

Understanding that the Loop Trolley has endured record setting bad press, people forget there is predictable and growing revenue from the TDD that supports it (\$800k+) If Metro took over trolley, annual new cost of running it would be less than one bus. Not bus route: one bus.



William Eigel @BillEigel · Dec 14

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Ah-ha! Another Kansas reference! That's two in 48 hours! Still no word on all the states that have cut taxes successfully since the Kansas debate. #moleg

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Ann Bickel @ann_bickel · Dec 14

Replying to @TomLeb and @BillEigel

Maybe we could go back and replay the whole Kansas fiasco.

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Dec 13

Ah ha our first Kansas tweet! It did work here in MO...and in NC, UT, OH, NY, AR, IA....your 'Kansas' narrative doesn't work anymore, but thanks for the memories. #moleg twitter.com/TomLeb/status/...

Replying to @BillEigel

OK. So you are saying our local firefighters, county road fund, and other services receiving personal property taxes should simply lose that revenue? Where should our local fire service be cut back, for instance? Thank you.





William Eigel @BillEigel · Oct 15

Imagine what the City of St Charles could do for infrastructure along the MO River with \$51 million instead of \$1 million... #moleg







William Eigel Retweeted



Replying to @BillEigel and @taxreformer

Wonderful to meet with you and hear of the struggle for lower taxes and limited govenrment in Missouri.



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William Eigel @BillEigel · Jul 24

The #conservative6 voted no on this. Excellent article. #moleg



Ray Hartmann @rayhartmann - Jul 17

After bleeding Blue for more than half a century, no one's more excited than me about the Stanley Cup. But that doesn't justify more unneeded corporate welfare for the team's owners from our pathetic state government. Here's my RFT column on the subject: bit.ly/30Flh62



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William Eigel @BillEigel · Nov 17

The Conservatives in the Missouri Senate did NOT vote for this. In fact we filibustered it for more than a day. Just sayin. #moleg



Tina @Nana614 · Nov 17

Replying to @J_Hancock and @esballentine

But isn't it funny how these conservative MO politicians scream SOCIALISM at the top of their lungs to get votes and keep this state under their extreme control, but they practice CORPORATE SOCIALISM all the time and their flock accepts it?



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William Eigel @BillEigel · Nov 17

Some lawmakers were frustrated about this before it became law, to be fair. It wasn't good legislation then and it isn't getting any better now. #moleg



After scrambling to pull together \$50 million in tax breaks for General Motors, some Missouri lawmakers are frustrated GM has only pledged to keep 2,000 jobs in Wentzville — less than half the 4,300 currently employed there.

apnews.com/862714bcd30247... via AP's @esballentine #moleg

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William Eigel @BillEigel \cdot Oct 15

For those wondering why I don't like government picking winners and losers in the private sector, I have two for you: Loop Trolley. #moleg



Due lack of funding, Loop Trolley preparing to halt operations next month dlvr.it/RG3t9V #KMOV







William Eigel @BillEigel · Sep 9

As Missouri Republicans we should all continue to coalesce around @MikeParson's #MOGov bid. Liberal @NicoleRGalloway's platform is taxpayer-funded abortion, confiscation of legal firearms and exploding the state budget! #moleg



It all started on a farm. Where long days and hard work go hand-in-hand. View our full announcement video at mikeparson.com. #mogov #mikeworks #Team57







William Eigel @BillEigel · Jul 8

This might make excellent filibuster material from my colleague... #moleg



Senator Denny Hoskins, CPA @DLHoskins · Jul 8

I had a great time reading "Splat the Cat Runs for President" to preschoolers at the Ray County Library this morning! I also visited with some of the county elected officials about the flooding and the chamber of commerce director about new businesses in Richmond.





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William Eigel @BillEigel · May 14

Planning a 30 hour filibuster to fight the largest corporate welfare bill the Senate has faced this year. Your welcome. #moleg



Missourians First @Missourians1st · May 14

What were Senators @BillEigel and Crawford doing that was so important that they missed this critical vote? kansascity.com/news/politics-...

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Dec 26, 2018

"Clean Missouri" Amendment is the most dishonest campaign put before voters Ive ever seen. Had little to do with ethics, much to do with hijacking #moleg redistricting process to favor a particular party. #moleg



Thank you, @GovParsonMO for standing up to this George Soros-funded scheme designed to trick voters into supporting #MOLeg maps more favorable to Democrats. fox2now.com/2018/12/23/mis...

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William Eigel @BillEigel · May 12

Every single half-truth and misrepresentation shared by @DixonRob and Dept of Eco-Devo tonight will be discussed at length tomorrow on the Missouri Senate floor. Looking forward to it. #moleg



Rob Dixon @DixonRob · May 12

Seeing a lot of rumors and misinformation floating around #moleg about #GM and the Governor's #ecodevo proposal. Here are the facts:

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William Eigel @BillEigel · May 12

FACT: No other company but GM gets paid by Missouri under this plan. Thousands of companies in St Charles won't get a dime under this plan. It is absolutely picking winners and losers. #moleg



Rob Dixon @DixonRob · May 12

RUMOR: This only benefits GM. We're picking winners & losers. FACT: The Governor's proposal benefits industries in every corner of MO. It tackles the top challenges shared by GM, Ford and hundreds of other businesses large and small in our state - workforce & infrastructure.

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Jul 6, 2017 Is anybody else thinking this? .@paulcurtman #curtmanforsenate



I'm sure Team Hawley appreciated this!!

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William Eigel @BillEigel · May 7

We are on the Senate floor right now trying to prevent movement of statewide PDMP plan. #moleg



Blue Camellia @RareCamellia · May 6

MO Senate Conservative Caucus members - hold fast! NO PDMP! @BillEigel, @Koenig4MO, @BobOnderMO, @EricBurlison, Cindy O'Laughlin, @DLHoskins

#NoPDMP #moleg #pdmp twitter.com/bycrystalthoma...

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William Eigel @BillEigel · May 7

The #conservative6 is willing to fight for our 2d and 4th amendment protections. PDMP programs are a betrayal of those constitutional protections. #moleg



KurtEricksonPD @KurtEricksonPD · May 7

And we're back in filibuster mode in the Senate. This is a fight over PDMP. #moleg

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Nov 29, 2018

Of course, if raising minimum wage was actually good policy, why wouldn't proponents just try to raise it to \$10,000/hr? Because raising it to \$12 doesn't make a difference when all your costs go up or you lose a job as the labor market compensates. #moleg



Sarah Barfield Graff @SarahJBGraff · Nov 29, 2018

And so it begins. Daycare costs, which were already more than our mortgage pymt, are going up due to hike in #minimumwage. More money, less choice. Sounds like Dems...

> If you are unfamiliar with the new minimum wa beginning this January, an increase to minimum next 5 years till it reaches \$12 an hour. So in ord we will have to increase our prices each year 109

Another change that will possibly take place... ir away with 4 days a week billing. It is something into how not having 4 days a week billing will he to be able to keep our increases down as much a



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William Eigel @BillEigel · Oct 9, 2018

I'm comfortable with the minimum wage right where it is. Lets let the free market of the Greatest Country on Earth play the primary role in our economy instead of more government control—its doing great at the moment, btw.



Tim N @T_N_B7 · Oct 9, 2018

Replying to @BillEigel

True free market adherence would abolish the minimum wage in its entirety. Is that where you are?

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Oct 1, 2017

Or course needy citizens have health insurance it's called Medicaid which is 40% of our budget and already in trouble.

angie sassypants @SassypantsAngie · Oct 1, 2017

Replying to @BillEigel

Needy citizens DON'T have one now, and neither does the middle class.

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Oct 1, 2017

Pettiness is not a vision for future of your party and I'm happy to keep talking fiscal responsibility while you preach message of Marx

angie sassypants @SassypantsAngie · Oct 1, 2017

Replying to @BillEigel

You made a mistake by saying that, b/c I'm going to make sure everyone hears it during your term and re-election bid.



William Eigel @BillEigel · Oct 1, 2017

America wasn't built to be like other countries. Soviet Union had universal healthcare also. They went broke.

angie sassypants @SassypantsAngie · Oct 1, 2017

Replying to @BillEigel

How odd that every other industrialized nation in the world is able to do so and they aren't broke.

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Oct 11, 2018 You and I agree about Prop D! 👍



A^J @AJWILLIKERS · Oct 11, 2018

Replying to @BillEigel and @HawleyMO

As a St. Louis voter, here is how I know @clairecmc has not written off rural Missouri. She has *NOT* advocated cutting spending that is majority rural but majority paid for with Metro taxes. Vote No on the Gas Tax increase without spending cuts first.

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Apr 30

Passing PDMP, which threatens the privacy and due process of our citizens, is not Conservative. It violates @MissouriGOP platform Sections on Security and Freedom. #moleg.







William Eigel @BillEigel · Feb 28, 2017

President Trump promises trillions in infrastructure improvements in America in address to Congress. #makei70greatagain

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Feb 9, 2017

I stand for liberty and oppose implementing #REALID in Missouri. #Moleg



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William Eigel @BillEigel · Dec 19, 2016

Greitens opposes corporate welfare for sports millionaires--I stand with him. #moleg #endcorporatewelfare



Gov.-elect Greitens calls public money for St. Louis soccer stadium 'welf... Missouri's incoming governor calls the stadium project "welfare for millionaires."

Ø stltoday.com



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William Eigel @BillEigel · Sep 6, 2017

Thanks to great conservative leadership by @EricGreitens and #Moleg there will be 125 new jobs coming to St.Charles County!

Material Strategies → Jill Enders → Sep 6, 2017

Gov. Greitens announced Seyer Industries plans to create 125 new job.

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Aug 27, 2016

"If you want different, do different" Cant send old pols to JC and exp new result-I endorse @EricGreitens for MO Gov





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William Eigel @BillEigel · Apr 27, 2017

Actually this coffee mug is Senate approved with Missouri Senate Logo! #notyouraveragemug #thosefreshmenagain



MurtEricksonPD @KurtEricksonPD · Apr 27, 2017

In a breach of Senate etiquette, Sen @BillEigel has an actual coffee cup on the Senate floor #whitestyrofoam

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William Eigel @BillEigel · Jun 13, 2016

As your next senator, I will represent YOUR interests, not special interests. #WeThePeople

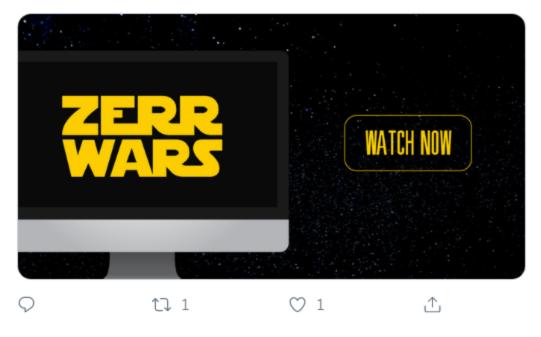


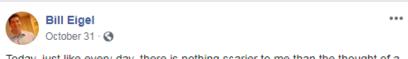




$\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{William Eigel} @ BillEigel \cdot Dec \ 10, \ 2015 \\ Politician Anne Zerr has gone to the dark side. \\ \end{tabular}$

Watch the #ZerrWars to learn more: ZerrWars.com





Today, just like every day, there is nothing scarier to me than the thought of a new tax on your family. Happy Halloween!







There is a new champion for the ultimate regional example of government waste in St Louis, and it is the Loop Trolley boundoggle occurring over in St Louis County and City. The reality of this waste truly boggles the mind.

Consider: since this whole mess began back in the 2012ish timeframe, St Louis County residents and American citizens at large (since federal dollars have been used) have spent a grand total approaching \$51 MILLION... for the Loop Trolley.

All this cash has bought a trolley that runs a 2.2 mile loop from the Missouri History Museum to University City. For those counting, that's nearly \$4,400 per FOOT of loop trolley decadence! All this cost has produced an asset that produces about \$40,000 per year in gross revenue from ticket sales. Or, in keeping with my theme, it produces about \$3 per FOOT each year. What an investment!!!!

But not to worry--the tax increase that was passed to partially fund this disaster will remain on the bill for county taxpayers until 2048. Unfortunately the Loop trolley may be bankrupt next month if they don't get another \$700,000. And then....well, and then it might go bankrupt anyway.

Stunningly (that's sarcasm), government estimates on demand for the trolley (which was used to justify the investment) came in way off from the actual free market demand. Estimates hoped for at least \$400,000 in revenue, actual was closer to \$40,000. Supporters may point to the fact that they were only off by a single zero, but do we really need this much government wasting our money? Who knew that no one needed or wanted a trolley?

The Loop Trolley may go down as the greatest example of government waste we've seen in the Gateway City. This is why I'm hesitant about the growth of government in other sectors of our state. Government does very few things well or efficiently. We are better off letting the free market decide winners and losers in commercial enterprise, not government special interests.



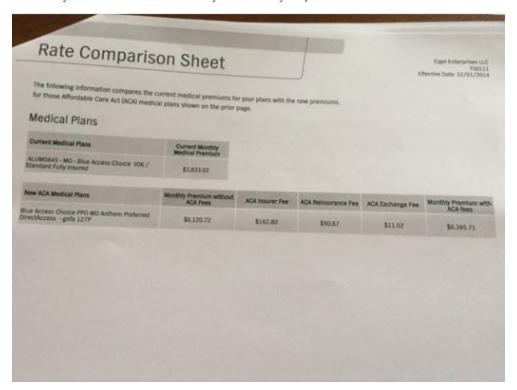
Well, this little gem showed up on my Facebook memories feed today...the day I got a 70% increase in my health insurance premium in order to comply with Obamacare. For those wondering why I got into politics, this 5 year old memory says it all. It is not an exaggeration to say that Barack Obama is a major reason why I am a State Senator today.

Now, a half decade later, Missouri is considering whether or not to expand it's current Medicaid program under that same disastrous Obamacare law. Let us not forget the lessons of the past and the dangers of expanding broken government programs that promise a lot but deliver little beyond bloated taxpayer burdens and trampled personal liberties.

I am a NO on any expansion of our Medicaid program that has already been found to have literally billions of dollars in waste.

Expanding government has always been a bad idea, but unfortunately there are those today that are giving the old but new failed science of "socialism" another look. If we recklessly grow our biggest government program (Medicaid), that would represent another deliberate move towards a state and country that values big and inefficient government over liberty.

Just say NO to Obamacare. Say NO to any expansion of Medicaid.







It's time to restore the proper role of government; preserving our liberty, protecting our borders and securing our communities. It's great to see President Trump get us back to basics again!



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Bonny Lipsen Filandrinos No bill we really need to raise the gas taxes we have very low gas tax compared to other states we use the rose we pay for the roads we don't take any more away like you already have done for our social safety nets education we can afford a few more sense in a gas tax so it's your responsibility to do the right thing and stop trying to appease all the tax Cutters who are basically greedy and just don't want to pay to take care of our wonderful country think about it and take a look next door Kansas you want to be a race to the bottom also?

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Author

Bill Eigel Just because a tax is low isn't cause to raise it. Regardless of the tax rate, we are spending twice per citizen per road mile in adjusted 2019 dollars as we were in the early 1990s...the problem also lies in the size of our network. Why does Missouri maintain the 7th largest network of roads in the country when we are 18th in size? We aren't asking and answering these questions, and until we do, I cannot justify asking the taxpayer for more money.

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Mary Beth Another reason not to give the millions to the corporate developers who want us to pay for what they build on Bangert Island. By the way Bangert happens to be submerged in the middle of the Missouri River right now. We need our reps to stop wasting taxpayer money on boondoggles for wealthy corporate developers and instead invest in much needed infrastructure improvements first. Wanna really do something for the citizens of St. Charles? Take that money and help build a community center. It is ridiculous with that much money from the casino and tourist that the City doesn't have

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Author

Bill Eigel Mary Beth Thank you for your ritual criticism on every post I make and every word I speak. All your whataboutisms aside, I'm trying to be informed on a major problem in my district and get the word out about where folks can go for help if they are affected. Have a great Saturday.

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If you're wondering what courage looks like, this is it. Tony Lovasco just took a very public stand against corporate welfare--the practice of giving government dollars to a targeted few (or single) corporate interest. He articulates exactly why this type of incentive is a bad idea. Well done!!!



Lovasco: The General Motors Deal is a Great Deal — but only for GM



Dave Guest, Justin Hill and 51 others

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Many of my constituents have asked about the \$50 million tax incentive proposal being considered for General Motors to expand on their plant in Wentzville

Here is what I think:

- 1. I don't support benefits that go to one company or group and not another. I'm thrilled that GM is thinking of making a bigger investment in St Charles and I think they have a lot of reasons to do so. But there are a lot of small and medium businesses in St Charles that aren't getting millions of dollars to risk their investments here. How is giving GM special dollars fair to them?
- 2. There's a lot more to like about St Charles than corporate handouts from Jefferson City. I've raised a family here and owned a small business here. I never got a dime from the government to do so. I don't regret a minute of it because St Charles is a great place to live. My wife grew up here. I've been here my entire adult life outside of military service. I'm insulted whenever I hear that St Charles is only being considered for investment because Jefferson City is offering a special deal. St Charles didn't become the fastest growing area in Missouri because of government programs and interests—we are a low tax, low regulation, business friendly county. We have economic opportunity, low crime, and a sense of community that transcends the activities of elected folks.
- 3. I'm still committed to creating the best possible environment for businesses to thrive here. If the current economic development programs already in place in Missouri can make investment more attractive to GM, then great, I'm all for it. But if it means expanding corporate welfare to accommodate one company, even one as big and with as much history in St Charles as General Motors, it's tough to see how I can support it. In 2008, Ohio gave GM \$82 million to incentivize the plant in Lordstown, Ohio. On March 19th of this year, GM closed that plant. Corporate Welfare can't move Missouri to prosperity.

I would like to hear my constituents stories and thoughts on this type of incentive. Do you own a small business in St Charles? Have you evert benefitted from these incentives? Do you live here? Do you want your tax dollars going for this type of incentive? Share your stories and thoughts here-next week we will debate this bill on the Senate Floor.





Yesterday two Republican State Senators, from Springfield and southern Missouri, decided to use the budget process to give unlawful immigrants the same subsidized tuition benefit of in-state Missouri residents.

This would lead to violations of the Illegal Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 which prohibits access to in-state tuition benefits by undocumented students (section 8 USC 1623). It reads "...an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible on the basis of residence within a State for any postsecondary education benefit unless a citizen of national of the United States is eligible for such a benefit..."

In other words, folks who are here illegally cannot get a benefit that every other American is eligible for. Given that out-of-state students don't get the subsidized rate, illegal non-residents cannot qualify under this Federal statute.

I don't have a good answer as to why these two Republican Senators decided to break ranks with Republican policy on the protection of immigration statutes, but I will continue to defend our national immigration policy and support the rule of law.

The Conservative Caucus in the Missouri Senate will not allow this budget bill to pass into law without protections of our immigration policy that had been in place for years.



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Lawmakers may end high tuition rate for immigrant students

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This article is correct.

A statewide PDMP would do little to impact the opioid crisis in Missouri, but it would degrade our 2nd and 4th amendment protections.

Along with the other 5 members of the Missouri Conservative Caucus, I will oppose any such implementation.



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Missouri Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Could Be Dead In The Senate



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Lorna Frahm ■ Mr. Eigel, have you ever talked to a parent who lost a child to opioids? One life saved would be worth the effort. Don't worry, you can still be as conservative as you want to be on other issues, but please do all you can to improve the chances that our residents, your constituents, live.

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Author

Bill Eigel Lorna Frahm Of course they matter to me. That's why I'm defending their rights like the rights of all my constituents. Again, thanks for posting.

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More good things happening in St Charles. The Bangert Island development will mean billions of dollars of economic investment in our county!



KMOV.COM

City of St. Charles moves forward with long planned riverfront development near Katy Trail



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David Chappell I am worried about losing one of the few open areas we have left around eastern St. Charles County. I really enjoy jogging on Bangert Island and think that there is tremendous value in preserving open spaces like this for all to enjoy.

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Author

Bill Eigel David Chappell The island itself will not be developed—it will have better access but will remain a natural area for folks to enjoy. The development area is essentially an extension of the Streets of St Charles development, and will reform the natural barrier between the mainland and the island.

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Karen E Baker NO! This is dumb. Keep nature as it is. That area floods and just because you bring in corp doesn't mean it will work. It is one of the last natural places in St.. Charles. We seriously need to fight this. Also Bill, if you were truly a conservative Republican you would be fighting this because it is intruding on our personal liberty.

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Author

Bill Eigel Karen E Baker Bangert Island itself will not be changed, and should be restored to it's natural separation from the mainland. I'm not sure how providing infrastructure for the development of one of the fastest growing counties in MIssouri is not being a conservative Republican.

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This is second tax increase I had to fight against today. This tax increase would be on gas—yes, the same type of tax increase that Missouri voters rejected at the ballot last November on Proposition D. Voters also rejected Amendment 7 a couple years before that when considering a sales tax increase. So if it feels like you've heard this song and dance before, it's because you have.

Trying to solve problems by raising taxes makes no sense. If you feel like you send enough money to Jefferson City already, it's because you do. In fact, you sent a record \$29 BILLION to Jefferson City this year, more than in any year since Missouri joined the Union. That's more than twice the amount, adjusted for inflation, than you sent to Jefferson City in 1980.

And yet, it's still not enough for some of the folks in the state capitol.

I always wonder what level of taxation and spending will ever be enough?

That's a trick question—there will never be a limit to the special interests ready to spend every tax dollar you are willing to send their way.

We have record revenue in Jefferson City—more than enough to care for our roads and the other essential functions of government.

I will NOT support any effort to raise your taxes!

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Today I fought two efforts to raise your taxes.

This is the first—a new tax for HMO health insurance plans. It would add to the cost of employer-sponsored health insurance plans for employees around the state for the benefit of a handful of healthcare special interests.

I don't care what party proposes it—we cannot tax ourselves to prosperity. There are too many politicians in Jefferson City that believe that more government is the answer to our problems.

I'll continue to fight against rising health insurance premiums via new taxation whenever I see it.

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I've never been shy about criticizing Gov Greitens when I disagree with one of his policies...but today, I give him credit where credit is due.

Today he vetoed a bill that would have spent up to \$75 million of your tax dollars on a new dance studio in Kansas City. There was no discernible benefit to my constituents in St Charles for training more dancers in Kansas City, but unfortunately I was one of only four senators to vote against the bill.

Nonetheless, Gov Greitens hit a policy "home run" by derailing this bad idea with the stroke of a pen.

Gov Greitens talks at length about pursuing a conservative agenda and pushing back on bad policies like corporate welfare.

Today he made good on his commitment to support conservative fiscal principles.

What's even more impressive is the number of special interests that wanted this wasteful spending to pass. Gov Greitens must have been under intense pressure to allow this bill through.

But he stood firm.

Gov Greitens and I know that we don't need the government to build more dance studios in Missouri. We need an economic environment that encourages the type of population growth that will brings jobs and businesses to Missouri.

Well done, Gov Greitens! I'm happy to stand with you on this issue.





#TBT Throwback Thursday. Last year I signed a pledge that I would never vote to raise your taxes. With only one week remaining in the legislative session for 2017, I am proud to say that I have kept my word. I have even filibustered attempts to bring a St.Louis Zoo tax to St.Charles County. The people of our state work hard and deserve to keep more of their own money.







Nick Morgan Good afternoon,

My name is Nick Morgan and I am a constituent of yours from St. Charles 63301. I am writing because I was researching the National Popular Vote Act and saw that the SB 1041 was introduced into the MO Senate in 2016 by a Republican Senator. I see from the official MO Senate website that this bill had a hearing in March of 2016. What has come of it? Is it ready for a floor vote? If not, I urge you as my representative to push for this bill to make it to the MO Senate floor. I do not like the idea that my vote as a citizen of MO counts less in presidential elections than those of a person from Wyoming, Rhode Island, Hawaii, or Alaska just to name a few. I strongly encourage you to protect my voice and ensure that my opinion is properly heard in our national dialogue by vocally supporting SB 1041 and ensuring its passage in the MO senate.

Thanks, Nick Morgan

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Author

Bill Eigel Hi Nick--thanks for the note. I don't support the National Popular Vote Act. Your voice does count. The Founding Fathers developed the Electoral College to protect the rights of smaller states to have a voice in the outcome of the national election. If we go to a popular vote, the large states of New York and California, with their major population centers, will dominate our elections and you really will lose your voice as a voter here in Missouri. I am committed to protecting Missouri voters from that outcome!

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Great Inaugural Ceremony today for Gov Greitens and the other new statewide officials! A visit from the B-2 Stealth Bomber, a cannon salute from the National Guard, and a great opening speech by the new Governor were all part of the festivities. I would have taken more pictures but the cold killed my phone!



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No More Corporate Welfare for Millionaires

I join Governor-Elect Eric Greitens in opposing public funding for a new stadium for any sport in any city in Missouri. During my primary and general election campaign, I spoke often of the abusive practice of corporate welfare in Missouri. I advocated for making government more efficient instead of handing out public money to millionaires.

In recent years, the poster child for bad corporate welfare deals was Stan Kroenke. With the Rams gone, we are now discussing the possibility of committing the same mistakes of the past with a different sport.

Our state finances continue to grow out of control and, like Governor-elect Greitens said, this type of corporate welfare is what frustrates Missourians about government.

As one of the voices of the St. Louis area in the Missouri Senate, I'll focus on making sure your tax dollars are spent for priorities actually having to do with the role of government, not handouts for sports clubs.



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As we enter the general election season, let's begin by talking about how to restore trust between citizens and their elected leaders.

Politicians have a bad image for ethical standards here in Missouri--and all too often these negative perceptions are deserved. Missouri has some of the most lax restrictions against lobbyist influence in the country. As a result, lobbyists are handing out tens of thousands of gifts to legislators each year. Although I believe most legislato... See More



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Bill Eigel Sheila Vaughn Don't be fooled by the "gotcha" politics of my opponent. To this day I don't think Mike Carter was genuine...and each time he posts it on Facebook as a campaign rallying cry it just proves my suspicion ever more certain. If Mike is genuine about it of course I'll shake his hand. But this is really just politics as usual from a career political guy like Mike. I've encouraged Mike to talk about the issues. He has thus far declined.

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Michael J Narkawicz Why the smug look and refusal to shake Mr. Carters hand after the debate?

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Author

Bill Eigel Michael--Mike had just got done telling the camera that I have been bought and paid for by special interests. When he turned to shake my hand it hardly seemed genuine.

If it was, then I feel bad and will look forward to shaking his hand in the near future. But Mike's campaign has been incredibly negative and personally insulting so I have a tough time giving him the benefit of the doubt on this.

I also didn't realize he was looking for a "gotcha" moment. Same old politics...

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Tammy Williams I knew it didn't happen the way Mike made it look. Mike's negative ads made me check you out and I like what you stand for.

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Steve Dyson "When I was an officer in the United States Air Force, we followed a Code of Conduct that was founded on the first principle of "Integrity First".". -Bill Eigel Forgotten first Principle? Forgotten people, forgotten Promises? I dare you to roll your eyes like that to your CO or hell even your wife.

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Author

Bill Eigel Steve Dyson -- see my comments above. I don't recall my wife or CO pursuing the negative campaign against me like Carter has.

This is the same old politics...and this is also my first campaign. Mike Carter caught me in a 'gotcha' moment, no doubt.

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Bill Eigel Anne I've been on this site for over a year talking about issues and the things that matter to everyday folks in St Charles County.

Today is the first time you've joined the discussion. And yet, instead of talking about policy and defending your record of voting for big government and less freedom, you've come here simply to gossip?

I'm stunned--I just think many are tired of that type of business as usual politics from folks that have been in office for so long. This is why many citizens so despise politicians and distrust our government.

Let's stay focused on talking about the issues plaguing our state. I encourage you to comment on some of the issues I've brought up on my site.

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Anne York Zerr Hmm... both Allison and Bob told me recently that the more Eigel talks to people the better off I am for the campaign.

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Bill Eigel

May 27, 2016 · 🚱

This type of blatant federal overreach is simply unacceptable. Not only is it a slap in the face of local control, but it also threatens the safety of our children. I urge Attorney General Koster to join forces with the 11 states fighting back against this flawed directive.



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Today my opponent in this race, long time State Representative Anne Zerr voted against Senate Joint Resolution 39 which would reinforce religious freedom protection to clergy and businesses across Missouri. The measure, sponsored by Senator Bob Onder (R-St. Charles), would have ensured that citizens of Missouri could practice their beliefs without fear of retribution from those that seek to compel their actions in violation of conscience. However, the vote was killed on a tie. Anne Zerr cast the decisive vote, and left millions of Missouri citizens at risk.

I support religious freedom and I support Senator Onder's efforts in this matter. I see the primary role of government to protect the rights of its citizens. If we lose the ability to practice our beliefs free from persecution, then we have lost everything. The constitution does not guarantee that every other citizen will agree with your views—it does guarantee that every other person is free to agree with you or not.

Thank you Dr. Bob Onder and Paul Curtman (the sponsor in the House Of Representatives) for you efforts to further religious liberty.











My opponent in this race, State Representative Anne Zerr, is seen in this video talking about why she supports corporate welfare and cronyism. As a side note, her record also includes support for ones of the biggest proposed tax increases in Missouri history, voting to bring Obamacare to Missouri, and voting for the largest jump in state government spending ever in a single eight year period.

Yet, if you watch this video, you'll hear Anne tell the audience that, in spite of all her actions to the contrary, they should believe her claim that she is actually a conservative.

And that is why the public today so despises politicians.



Mark A. Parkinson and 10 others

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#TBT: In light of a critical vote on Right to Work coming during next week's veto session, this week's throwback Thursday takes us back one year to Anne Zerr declaring that Democrats were rockstars. Anne Zerr doesn't support Right to Work. I do. Let's make Missouri great again.



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