

# House Resolution No. 5036

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, important questions remain regarding the effort to overturn the 2016  
2 election in Missouri by forcing former Governor Eric Greitens to resign; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, in May 2018, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kimberly Gardner voluntarily  
5 dismissed her invasion of privacy prosecution against Governor Greitens after a court ordered  
6 her to testify under oath about significant issues relating to her investigation of the former  
7 Governor; and

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9           **WHEREAS**, in June 2019, a grand jury indicted William Don Tisaby, the lead  
10 investigator for Circuit Attorney Gardner, on seven felony counts for alleged criminal activity  
11 during the prosecution of Governor Greitens; and

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13           **WHEREAS**, a court-appointed special prosecutor reportedly continues to investigate  
14 Circuit Attorney Gardner and others for their roles in the prosecution of Governor Greitens; and

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16           **WHEREAS**, Circuit Attorney Gardner launched her investigation of Governor Greitens  
17 the day after a television station released audiotape a woman's ex-husband claimed to have  
18 secretly recorded years earlier; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, Al Watkins, the attorney for the ex-husband, received \$120,000 in four  
21 separate cash payments relating to the audiotape; and

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23           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Watkins testified before the Missouri House Special Investigative  
24 Committee on Oversight that he received \$50,000 in cash two days before the television station  
25 released the audiotape; and

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27           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Watkins further testified that he received \$50,000 more in cash one day  
28 before the television station released the audiotape; and

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30           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Watkins also testified that he was told by newspaper publisher Scott  
31 Faughn that the cash came from a wealthy out-of-state political donor who wanted Governor  
32 Greitens removed from office; and

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34           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Faughn, who personally delivered at least \$50,000 of the cash to Mr.  
35 Watkins, testified before the Missouri House Special Investigative Committee on Oversight that  
36 all of the cash paid to Mr. Watkins was his; and

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38           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Faughn testified that he paid \$120,000 to Mr. Watkins to purchase the  
39 audiotape for a book he planned to write; and

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41           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Faughn has not published a book since he claims to have purchased  
42 the audiotape in January 2018; and

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44           **WHEREAS**, other members of the media obtained the audiotape without making cash  
45 payments to Mr. Watkins; and

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47           **WHEREAS**, in light of the conflicting testimony from Mr. Watkins and Mr. Faughn, the  
48 source of the \$120,000 remains unknown; and

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50           **WHEREAS**, it is important for the people of Missouri to know who paid Mr. Watkins  
51 \$120,000 in cash and what their motives were in order to better understand the effort to overturn  
52 the 2016 election; and

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54           **WHEREAS**, a federal investigation is necessary to determine whether any federal laws  
55 were broken by these cash payments and the effort to overturn the 2016 election:

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57           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri House  
58 of Representatives, One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby urge the  
59 United States Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate the  
60 \$120,000 in cash payments to Mr. Watkins and the effort to overturn the 2016 election for  
61 Missouri's governor; and

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63           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
64 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for William  
65 Barr, the Attorney General of the United States; Christopher Wray, the Director of the Federal  
66 Bureau of Investigation; Jeffrey Jensen, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of  
67 Missouri; Richard Quinn, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's St. Louis Field Office; Timothy  
68 Garrison, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri; Timothy Langan, Special  
69 Agent in Charge of the FBI's Kansas City Field Office; and each member of the Missouri  
70 Congressional delegation.

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