



# Missouri Ethics Commission

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**Final Action: MEC No. 24-0075-I(A): Mike Kehoe, Citizens to Elect Mike Kehoe**

**Date: November 12, 2024**

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against candidate Mike Kehoe and his candidate committee, Citizens to Elect Mike Kehoe at its November 8, 2024, meeting.

The complaint alleged Citizens to Elect Mike Kehoe failed to report an in-kind contribution received from Cowtown USA or its owner Rick Damouth for a digital billboard advertisement in support of Mike Kehoe's candidacy for Missouri State Governor in the November 5, 2024, general election.

A digital billboard owned by Rick Damouth/Cowtown USA displayed an advertisement which read, "Mike Kehoe for Governor; Secure Borders. Safer Missouri." The billboard contains a paid for by disclosure which reads, "Paid for by American Dream PAC. Citizens to Elect Mike Kehoe's campaign finance reports did not disclose an in-kind contribution from Rick Damouth and/or Cowtown USA.

Section 130.041.1(3)(d), RSMo, requires campaign finance reports to disclose all in-kind contributions received.

Upon completion of the investigation, evidence shows Mike Kehoe and Citizens to Elect Mike Kehoe had no knowledge of the advertisement in support of Kehoe's candidacy and therefore, were not required to report an in-kind contribution received from Rick Damouth or Cowtown USA.

Therefore, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds to support one or more violations of Chapter 130 RSMo and dismiss.

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