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Statement From Sen. Schaefer on Governor's Nomination of Joe Bindbeutel

Senator Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia) today issued the following statement regarding Joe Bindbeutel's nomination to the Administrative Hearing Commission:

"Today, following recent disclosures and developments regarding high E. coli levels in the Lake of the Ozarks and the actions by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the office of Governor Jay Nixon, I have chosen to hold my support of Joe Bindbeutel's appointment to the Administrative Hearing Commission.

"The disclosure from Gov. Nixon that DNR falsified documents relating to high E. coli levels in the Lake of the Ozarks, thereby endangering the health and safety of Missourians is unacceptable. Governor Nixon said yesterday he was 'angrier than words can describe' and called the actions by his administration 'inexcusable.' Mr. Bindbeutel was a senior staff member at DNR when these alleged actions took place. I now need time to discuss with the Governor's office his intentions of continuing to support Bindbeutel's nomination.

"While I continue to call Joe a friend, I cannot in good conscience support his pending nomination to the Administrative Hearing Commission without further consultation with the Governor's office and reviewing the evidence being collected by the senate committee examining these actions."

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