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Honorable Lyda Krewson
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1200 Market
City Hall, Room 200
St. Louis, MO
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Re: Proposed Privatization of St. Louis Airport

Dear Mayor Krewson:

I write to respectfully request that you rescind the engagement of Grow Missouri, Inc. as a member of the Advisory Team that has been assembled to pursue the potential privatization of St. Louis Lambert International Airport because, in my view, its involvement undermines this potential.

It is well known that Grow Missouri is the organization owned and controlled by Mr. Rex Sinquefield, who, it is also well known, has been the financial force behind the airport privatization initiative. This situation presents an obvious conflict of interest scenario that taints the entire privatization process.

In addition to this conflict, the secretive type manner in which Grow Missouri and the Advisory Team were chosen to represent the City has tainted this process in such manner as to potentially poison the review of St. Louis' proposal by the Federal Aviation Administration. A proposal of this magnitude and impact demands complete and total transparency, which unfortunately, to date has not been the case.

Consequently, I am asking you to inject public trust into this process by removing any factor that presents a conflict of interest and causes the public to feel that shady dealings are taking place. The involvement of Grow Missouri in this matter simply lacks public trust.

I can certainly appreciate and agree with the city seeking at this time the additional revenues that could potentially come from privatizing the airport. However, I have now been put in a position in which I cannot support this process going forward because of the involvement of Grow Missouri and the lack of transparency.

I am open to discussing this with you at your earliest convenience. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jamilah Nasheed

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State Senator