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## REPRESENTATIVE MONICA BRISTOW'S SILENCE ON REFORM SPEAKS VOLUMES

## Allegations of rape and ghost payrolling aren't worthy of Representative Bristow's attention

**ALTON, IL** – State Representative Monica Bristow last week continued her tradition of avoiding public statements on controversies surrounding Speaker Madigan's operations – the latest from a <u>WBEZ</u> report alleging a "powerful former Springfield lobbyist and close friend of House Speaker Madigan" covered up a rape in Champaign and ghost payrolling of government workers.

While magic lobby lists, potential "pay to play" schemes, hints of ghost payrolling, sexual harassment allegations, payoffs, coverups, indictments, arrests, and subpoenas dominate headlines and conversations within the halls of the Capitol, the level of corruption within Illinois government is not worthy enough to capture the attention of State Representative Monica Bristow.

"Representative Bristow's continued silence on reform speaks volumes," stated Amy Elik, Republican candidate for Illinois' 111<sup>th</sup> House District. "It's time for Monica Bristow to step forward and reject the corrupt practices occurring in Springfield and those surrounding Speaker Madigan's way of doing business, starting with calling for Madigan's resignation."

When controversy surrounds Speaker Madigan, Representative Bristow often chooses avoidance and silence – something Alaina Hampton, the individual who <u>sued and settled</u> with Madigan's operation for sexual harassment, noted in a July 26, 2019 tweet to the Democratic Women's Caucus, saying:

"I've now been waiting a year & a half for you to support me publicly, or even address me by name in a statement. Where are you? What is your stance? We all want to know."

Elik added, "We all want to know: Where is Monica Bristow and what is her stance on Michael Madigan continuing in his role as speaker? Does she have faith in his continued leadership? As state representative, I will work – without hesitation – to make ethics reform and cleaning up the toxic cesspool of Springfield a top priority."

Amy Elik serves as a Foster Township Trustee and previously served as a school board member with St. Mary's Catholic School in Alton. She is a champion of our Second Amendment rights and lifelong defender of the unborn. Amy and her husband, Don, are proud parents of two children.

The 111<sup>th</sup> is a metro east district in Illinois that contains all or part of Alton, Bethalto, East Alton, Edwardsville, Elsah, Godfrey, Granite City, Hartford, Madison, Pontoon Beach, Roxana, South Roxana, and Wood River.

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