



Brandon Presley's War On Corruption Plan

A Note From Brandon:

Our state can be a model for ethics, but Tate Reeves has made us an embarrassment. Tate Reeves is embroiled in the largest public corruption scandal in state history for his involvement in funneling over a million dollars to his personal trainer and allowing \$77 million taxpayer dollars to be stolen or misspent under his watch. If Tate's welfare scandal has shown us anything, it's what we all knew to be true: that state government works for Tate's good ol' boys, lobbyists, and personal friends while working people are left in the dust. We need to sanitize our state government that is infected with corruption so we can have a government that responds to the people, not just a government that is auctioned off to the highest bidder.

As Public Service Commissioner, I saw firsthand how big utility companies have too much influence and put their profits first and Mississippi families last. I've stood up to giant corporations when they tried to fleece Mississippi taxpayers into footing the bill for their boondoggle - despite Democrats and Republicans and their favorite lobbyists with giant checks encouraging me to vote yes on the Kemper Power Plant. That's why I opened up Public Service Commission meetings because the public's business should be open to the public.

I grew up with a single mama who fought to keep our lights on and put food on the table for me and my siblings. Government should be working for working people like my mama, not the giant corporations that can write big campaign checks and have politicians on speed dial. But what I found on the Public Service Commission was that the government was feeding the very people they were supposed to be regulating. That's why I ended the practice of the Public Service Commission buying donuts and snacks for lobbyists - because the government should serve the people, not corporate lobbyists.

As governor, we're going to tell the special interest, lobbyists, and the good ol' boys that the party is over. I will upset special interests even more by starting out on day one by calling a special session so every Mississippian can see exactly where their representatives stand on our historic ethics reform package and whether they stand for corruption or clean government. The first plank of my war on corruption plan will curb the power of lobbyists and giant corporations



and in the coming weeks, our campaign will unveil more ways we plan to clean up state government.

This plan is just the start of our war on corruption. As governor, I will continue to work with ethics experts and continually fight anybody and anything so Mississippians have the open and transparent government they deserve.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon Presley".

Brandon will use the power of the governor's office to call a special session on a comprehensive ethics reform plan so Mississippians can see whether their representatives stand on the side of the people or their lobbyists. Here is the first plank of Brandon's war on corruption plan, which he will make the legislature vote on in a special session:

- 1) CURB THE INFLUENCE OF LOBBYISTS AND GIANT CORPORATIONS
 - Ban the unlimited gifts from lobbyists to lawmakers and elected officials from the governor all the way down to stop the unlimited flow of special interest money to state officials and require weekly gift and lobbying disclosure forms;
 - Place limits on the currently unlimited flow of campaign contributions from individuals and political action committees and ban direct contributions from corporations;
 - Ban state officeholders and candidates for state office from accepting contributions during any legislative session;
 - Stop the revolving door from state government into lobbying firms by implementing a 1-year waiting period for former government officials to lobby the state legislature and for lobbyists to join the state government;
 - Increase fines and penalties for politicians that violate ethics and campaign finance laws;



- Expand the Mississippi open meetings law to include the Legislature, state elected officials, and hold every state agency responsible for timely public records request responses;