

Former Marine Colonel Runs Write-In Campaign to Split and Steal Votes from Roy Moore

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Alabama: Retired Marine Colonel, Lee Busby, plans to run as a write-in candidate in an attempt to try and stop Judge Roy Moore from reaching the United States Senate. Roy Moore has been accused of sexual misconduct with young girls 40 years ago. Busby served in the Marine Corps for 31 years and served as an aide to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly during his last tour of duty. He also is known for his strong opposition to President Trump. Busby has no campaign website or any serious campaign ground-game but plans to rely on social media. He will emphasize his experience as a military leader, and his background as an investment banker, defense contractor, and entrepreneur. It is believed that his backers are anxious, not to get him elected, but to draw away enough votes to prevent Moore's election. -GEG

Lee Busby, a retired Marine colonel and former aide to White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, announced on Monday that he will launch a last-minute write-in campaign against Republican nominee Alabama Judge Roy Moore and Democrat Doug Jones.

Lee Busby argued that the allegations of sexual misconduct against Roy Moore created an opening for an establishment, centrist candidate to launch a third-party run for the December 12 Alabama Senate race.

Busby **said**, "I think you can flip this thing. If this were a military operation, the left flank and the right flank are heavily guarded. I think that gives you an

opportunity to run straight up the middle.”

Busby’s write-in campaign mirrors Evan McMullin’s third party bid in the 2016 presidential election. McMullin, **nicknamed** “McMuffin” by Trump supporters, **admitted** during the presidential election that if he could not stop Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump from being elected president, he would be “happy” just stopping Trump from becoming the 45th president.

McMullin, a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operations officer and Goldman Sachs employee, **announced** a “Never-Trump” candidacy to upset the election in favor of Hillary Clinton by **appealing** to Mormon voters in Utah, Arizona, and Idaho. His establishment insurgency failed to win any electoral votes and failed to win Utah, which **features** a strong Mormon voting base.

Busby has no campaign website or any serious campaign ground-game. The former aide to John Kelly **hopes to rely on social media** to spread the word about his campaign. Identifying himself as an Independent candidate, Busby, who retired from the Marine Corps in 2013, intends to emphasize his experience as a military leader, as well as his background as an investment banker, defense contractor, and entrepreneur.

The third-party candidate contends that both Moore and Jones should not serve in the U.S. Senate.

“I just don’t believe that either one of them are qualified to be in the U.S. Senate,” Busby **argued**.

He cites the sexual allegations against Moore as having “created enough distaste in my mind” to rule out support for the Republican nominee. He lists Democrat candidate Jones’ extreme abortion positions as disqualifying for Alabama voters.

However, Busby does **admit** to attending a fundraiser for Jones, though he denies ever donating to the Democrat candidate.

A Raycom News Network survey **found** that only three percent of Alabamians plan to vote for a write-in candidate for the Alabama Senate race.

A recent poll **revealed** that Roy Moore has a seven-point lead over Jones.

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