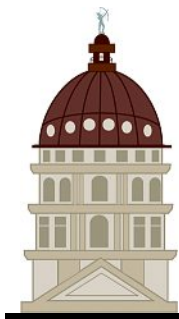




Martina McBride exits 'Freedom 250' fair

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Will Trump appear on \$250 bill?

Treasury appointee from Kansas pushing to make it so

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President Donald Trump could appear on a proposed new U.S. \$250 bill, the first time a living person's image would be added to U.S. currency in more than 150 years.

Two Treasury Department officials, Treasurer Brandon Beach and senior adviser Mike Brown, told the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to design the new bill with Trump's portrait, The Washington Post reported May 28. Both officials were appointed by Trump.

A federal law dating from 1866 states: "Only the portrait of a deceased individual may appear on United States currency and securities."

But a congressional proposal for a \$250 bill with Trump's image was introduced by Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., in February 2025. The \$250 bill would

commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, the proposal said.

The proposal, H.R. 1761, is still pending in the House Committee on Financial Services.

Former Kansas Republican leader is involved in Trump \$250 bill

Brown is the former chair of the Kansas Republican Party but decided not to seek another term amid internal division.

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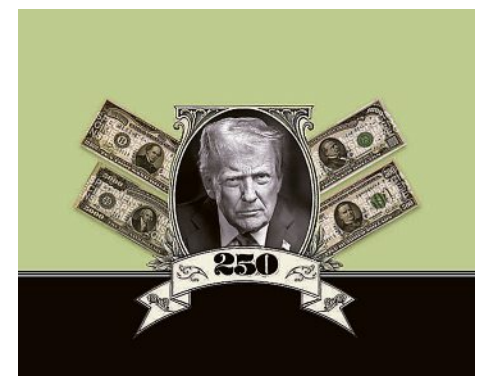


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Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach gives a prayer about protecting liberties granted under the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights during a National Day of Prayer event at the Kansas Statehouse on May 7. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Kobach breaks with Trump

Attorney general cites 2 legal battles

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Did you know Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is suing President Donald Trump's administration?

"Kansans need to know I'm actually very independent-minded in these lawsuits," Kobach said.

Kobach spoke with The Capital-Journal following National Day of Prayer ceremonies at the Statehouse on May 7.

"I've sued the president, President Trump," Kobach said, saying that shows a "willingness to do what is right, regardless of who's in the White House."

Kobach, who was an early supporter of Trump, is the immediate past chair of the Republican Attorneys General Association.

He ran for office in 2022 with a campaign slogan of "SUE JOE BIDEN!" and he delivered on the campaign promise

with several lawsuits against the Democratic president's administration. When Trump was elected to a second term, Kobach's office pivoted to working with the Republican administration.

Kobach, as the RAGA chair, acknowledged in a May 2025 press conference at the U.S.-Mexico border that "the role of the attorney general has changed in the last 20 years for both teams, if you will, for both parties because ... if there is an allegation that a presidential policy, regulation, order is illegal, then it often-times falls to the state attorney general — or a collection of them — to bring that case."

But Kobach does not always take Trump's side. Speaking with The Capital-Journal, he pointed to two examples.

One is a Second Amendment case in federal court in Texas where Kobach, representing Kansas, is one of several Republican-led states and other plaintiffs.

There is also a parallel gun rights case in Missouri where his office drafted an amicus brief.

"Those are actually concerning the federal regulation of suppressors, which are the noise-reducing devices on firearms," Kobach said. "Congress in 2025 had a provision in the Big Beautiful Bill that remove the tax on those suppressors and thereby remove the constitutional basis for the regulation of them."

"The Trump ATF has failed to follow the Constitution. And so Kansas is leading a suit of other Republican states suing the Trump Department of Justice, because it's the Department of Justice that controls ATF and is not responding correctly to uphold the Constitution."

The Texas case has been awaiting a decision on a motions for summary judgment for several months.

Kobach also pointed to the highly publicized case of Live Nation and its subsidiary, Ticketmaster. While Kobach was on the same side as the Trump administration, a legal disagreement arose when the DOJ

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Startups can compete for free lab space

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A start-up company will have the chance to receive a full year of free lab space in Topeka.

AdAstra BIO, in partnership with Bimini Pet Health and DL Smith Electric announced the creation of a "Golden Ticket" prize for one outstanding Plug and Play startup company that participated in the Pitch & Putt startup competition, on May 27th.

Plug and Play, founded in 2006, is a global technology accelerator and open innovation platform that nurtures and promotes innovative startups and fosters connections with world-leading companies.

One winning startup will receive a full year of free lab space at the newly built, LINK Innovation Lab, 220 SE 6th St.

What does the 'Golden Ticket' do?

This Golden Ticket award is valued at \$15,000 and gives the winning startup one full year of complimentary occupancy in the shared laboratory facility at the newly built LINK Innovation Lab in downtown Topeka.

"A year of residency at LINK is a valuable boost for recently formed companies seeking to test and develop their technology, activate their business plan

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From left, Dr. Kevin Mills, president and CEO of AdAstra BIO, and Stephanie Moran, GO Topeka senior vice president, announce the "Golden Ticket" for startup companies on May 28 at the Plug and Play Expo.

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