

The ECOT scandal has dimmed over the years due to the passage of time. The state has not yet collected a dime from the ECOT MAN Bill Lager for the fraud on the public he inflicted, but why?

It was mid-January 2018 that ECOT, as a result of Bill Lager's fraud on the public, closed. Nearly six years later, the state has not collected a dime from Lager, even though litigation against Lager is pending. A September 2, 2018, [article](#) in the [Columbus Dispatch](#) identified four state office holders that shared in the responsibility for allowing Lager's fraud to happen. All four of those politicians still hold state offices.

Lager's generous campaign contributions seem to allow him to live by the rules he, himself, made for the operation of ECOT. One example of this is that in the first year of operation, Lager was overpaid for students not served and the state required him to pay it back; however, for the next 15 or so years, Lager was allowed to submit ECOT enrollment without any state oversight of the enrollment submitted. Very strange; cheat, get caught and then be allowed to cheat for nearly 15 more years.

With the cast of political characters involved with ECOT in the past still being in statewide offices, it is not surprising that Lager's trove of stolen tax money is still in his hands.

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