

# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY TEXAS

## DEFENDING THE AMERICAN DREAM PLEDGE

Whereas, I believe in fiscal discipline and that government should not pose an unnecessary burden on taxpayers; and,  
Whereas, I believe that government should not grow faster than population and inflation; and,  
Whereas, I believe that government should be accountable to the people;

I support the following principles:

- ✓ Annual spending growth, on all levels, should be limited to the rate of population growth and inflation.
- ✓ Excess revenues collected above this limit should be used to create Emergency and Budget Stabilization funds and when fully funded, additional funds should be refunded to taxpayers through tax cuts.
- ✓ Moreover, tax and spending increases must be approved by the people's vote or a legislative supermajority.

Therefore, I Raul Torres  
(Signature of Office holder/candidate of the State of Texas)  
pledge to Defend the American Dream.

## TAXPAYER-FUNDED LOBBYING PLEDGE

Whereas, millions of taxpayer dollars are being used in legislative advocacy; and,  
Whereas, taxpayer dollars are used specifically to pay lobbyists and join associations that lobby; and,  
Whereas, taxpayers elect officials to represent their interests; and,  
Whereas, some lobby and advocacy work focuses on increasing spending and represent taxpayer dollars being used to lobby for more taxpayer dollars;

I support the following prohibition:

- ✓ No interest group that engages in lobbying or political activity should be subsidized by taxpayer dollars.
- ✓ Any group testifying before the Legislature or Congress should be required to divulge any local, state, or federal funding they receive, including membership fees and dues.
- ✓ I support efforts to prohibit public funds from being used to lobby or influence legislation and/or to conduct advocacy.

Therefore, I Raul Torres  
(Signature of Office holder/candidate of the State of Texas)  
pledge to support a prohibition on public funds being used for lobby or advocacy activities.

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