

**DEFENDING THE AMERICAN DREAM PLEDGE**

Whereas, I believe in fiscal discipline and that government should not pose an unnecessary burden on taxpayers;

Whereas, I believe that government should not grow faster than the state's population and inflation;

Whereas, I believe that government should be accountable to the people;

I support the following principles:

- Annual state spending growth 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 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** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office holder/candidate of the State of Texas)  
**pledge to Defend the American Dream.**

**PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR ADVOCACY Pledge**

Whereas, millions of taxpayer dollars are being used in legislative advocacy;

Whereas, taxpayer dollars are used specifically to pay lobbyists and join associations that lobby;

Whereas, taxpayers elect officials to represent their interests;

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 state legislature should be required to divulge any local, state or federal funding they receive, including membership fees and dues; and

I support efforts to prohibit public funds from being used to lobby or influence legislation and/or to conduct advocacy.

**Therefore, I** \_\_\_\_\_  
(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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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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