

STAND UP FOR AMERICA 2022

I pledge to the 21st Congressional District of Texas to Stand Up for America by fighting to restore common sense and responsible spending, freedom through government based upon the consent of the governed not big corporate crony interests, and a sovereign nation secure from both the tyranny of the authoritarian state and the vulnerability created by open borders and a woke, over-extended military.

STEP 1: FREEZE SPENDING. We, Republicans, should not agree to spend one more dollar to advance the Democrats' harmful, inflationary agenda – now and through any “lame duck session” – that empowers bureaucrats to hire thousands of new IRS agents to target hard-working families, make plumbers pay for an Ivy Leaguer's student loans, drive up the price of gas & electricity, or leave our borders wide open. After the voters speak in November, the NEXT Congress must chart the path forward – starting with frozen spending levels.

STEP 2: RESTORE GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS FOR US BY WITHHOLDING FUNDING UNTIL IT DOES. We, Republicans, should relentlessly expose – through hearings and targeted congressional investigations – the purposeful disregard of the rule of law and the well-being of the American people by this administration to advance a radical agenda, and oppose government funding until it includes policies that restore a baseline of sanity:

a) Protect Americans from Cartels, Fentanyl, & Crime by forcing DHS to Secure our Border.

- Why? To protect Americans from fentanyl, criminals, & terrorists, to protect migrants from cartel abuse, to restore sovereignty, and to strengthen the Western Hemisphere to beat China.
- How? Minimum step: Lock in federal policy requiring zero migrant releases absent full detention for adjudication & empower both Border Patrol and ICE to enforce the law.

b) Neutralize the Power of the Authoritarian State – Particularly the IRS, FBI, and NIH/CDC/FDA.

- Why? Federal agencies are too big, too powerful, and filled with too many unaccountable bureaucrats targeting Americans – often for politically motivated purposes – instead of working on their behalf.
- How? Minimum step: Block funding of additional IRS agents passed in the party-line Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) & overhaul (including firing top bureaucrats) the FBI & Public Health Agencies (NIH, CDC, FDA).

c) Keep the Lights On – Produce, Use, and Export reliable U.S. Natural Gas and Expand Nuclear Power.

- Why? We are creating a self-inflicted energy crisis by destabilizing our grid which drives up the price of energy, and undermines both our economy and our national security, which empowers our adversaries.
- How? Minimum Step: Open up American energy production and transportation restricted by President Biden, defund the crony subsidies distorting energy markets, and defund or repeal the anti-reliable energy provisions in the IRA.

d) End COVID tyranny – End Vaccine Mandates & Eliminate the Abuse of “Emergency” Powers. Period.

- Why? “Vax” mandates are unnecessary, highly damaging, & are causing Americans to lose their jobs and educations for a shot that the CDC admits fails to stop transmission all while the side effects remain unknown.
- How? Minimum Step: End the mandates, roll back executive “emergency” powers, and fire top level bureaucrats responsible.

STEP 3: REPUBLICANS SHOULD PASS AN AGENDA TO STAND UP FOR AMERICA

1. Support Hard-Working Americans & Expand the Middle Class

a) Combat Inflation with Responsible, Balanced Spending & End Blank Checks to the Bureaucrats Killing Small Business through Regulation

- Why? The unlimited funding of the authoritarian state has created rampant inflation that is putting pressure on hard-working Americans, especially small businesses.
- How? 1) Pass a budget that balances within 10 years, 2) Start by reducing spending to 2019 levels & cutting funding of bureaucrats, & 3) appropriate to that budget.

b) Restore Energy Freedom to Lower Gas & Electricity Costs, & Unleash Economic Growth

- Why? We are creating a self-inflicted energy crisis – destroying our economy, driving up the price of gas, electricity, & the goods reliant on them – while destabilizing our grid and undermining national security. We are empowering China, helping Russia, Iran, & other adversaries, and likely making the environment worse in the process.
- How? 1) Open up American energy production and promote pipelines restricted by the Biden Administration, 2) empower states by eliminating federal subsidies distorting energy markets, 3) overturn nuclear energy regulations limiting nuclear expansion, & 4) repeal the anti-reliable energy provisions passed in the IRA.

c) Establish Healthcare Freedom for All to Empower Patients & Doctors to Lower Healthcare Costs & Expand Options outside of “Big Healthcare.”

- Why? Because the current highly regulated healthcare system is driven by crony big corporate interests raking in billions in collusion with big Government on the back of an increasingly crushed middle-class America.
- How? 1) Empower patients and doctors through expanded personal health savings accounts, 2) empower workers by giving both them and their employers tax breaks for worker-owned health accounts, 3) liberate innovation to expand health insurance products, 4) protect health-sharing models, & 5) remove barriers to direct medical care models to eliminate the middlemen driving up costs.
- How? Overhaul the public health apparatus: 1) de-centralize decision-making, 2) establish clear rules to maintain liability options for the injured & prohibit blanket immunity for Pharma, 3) reduce emergency powers, 4) restrict gain-of-function research, and importantly 5) eliminate vaccine mandates.

d) Stop the Costly & Unfair Biden Loan Bailout

- Why? Because most working Americans do not go to college & many who do, have already paid their loans - neither should be forced to pay off hundreds of billions in debts of those who voluntarily & contractually agreed to pay back their loans.
- How? Pass legislation that repeals or blocks implementation of any Biden administration order or action implementing mass student loan forgiveness and/or equalize its impact and require higher education to pay for it.



2. Strengthen & Secure Our Communities

a) End Woke and Divisive Government.

- Why? Because Marxist-derived Critical Race Theory and radical gender theory are designed to pit citizens against one another to advance totalitarian agendas antithetical to the American idea.
- How? Pass laws requiring 1) color-blind policies, procedures, positions, and programs, and specifically end radical Critical Race Theory, DEI training, and ESG protocols in government agencies; and 2) policies rooted in biological truth – and specifically prohibit any requirements of government employees to use any gender references – including pronouns – beyond man and woman.

b) Support Police, Fight Crime, and Restore the Rule of Law

- Why? Because the government's first obligation is to protect its citizens. Efforts to defund police – combined with DA's refusing to prosecute – have resulted in a disastrous rise in crime, misery, and violence across the United States.
- How? 1) Overhaul & re-focus the FBI on organized, interstate crime connected to cartels, human trafficking, & the fentanyl trade; 2) Unwind federal grant programs to get DC out of the local police business but withhold on-going grants to any jurisdiction that has defunded police or whose DA's refuse to prosecute criminals.

c) Restore Education Freedom and Empower Parents Over Education Bureaucrats.

- Why? Because the public education system is failing our children and employs thousands of radical ideologues and activists masquerading as teachers. Parents need full transparency and full authority to choose better options for their children.
- How? 1) Convert Federal Title I Education funding to block grants to states with a requirement that dollars follow the kids, so parents have the ability to decide how best to use those education dollars to fit their needs. 2) Refocus "Higher" Education toward training critical labor shortage needs coming out of high school.

3. Restore the Balance of Power to the People

a) Empower Congress over Bureaucrats & End Executive Branch Abuse of Power

- Why? The Executive Branch is out-of-control and far too much power has left Congress and been outsourced to unelected officials in deep state agencies. Power must be restored to America's duly elected representatives.
- How? Pass legislation to 1) enable the firing of federal bureaucrats, & 2) roll back executive emergency powers by requiring affirmative congressional approval.
- How? Change the rules of the House of Representatives to 1) require in-person voting, 2) empower rank and file members with full ability to choose leadership, and to debate, amend, and consider legislation, and 3) restrict active trading of stocks.

b) Restore Faith in Our Elections.

- Why? Citizens must know that their vote counts and trust the results of elections.
- How? Restore required same-day voting for congressional elections (on a federal holiday – e.g., Veterans Day) and limit vote by mail to requests by military personnel and the truly infirm.

c) Fire Federal Bureaucrats

- Why? Top officials have betrayed the trust and confidence of the American people and thereby rendered their respective institutions illegitimate in the minds of millions of Americans. Congress should use the power of the purse, enact laws, and consider impeachment proceedings for officials that abuse their power.
- How? Congress should 1) pass legislation making federal employees "at will," and 2) immediately hold hearings and bring to account bureaucrats and officials such as Attorney General Merrick Garland, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and NIAID Director Anthony Fauci.

4. Defend America

a) Restore a Strong, Non-Woke Military.

- Why? The United States Armed Forces must be prepared to defend the nation and its citizens from malevolent actors in Beijing, Moscow, Tehran, and elsewhere. Radical theories derived from Marxist teachings not only weaken our ability to defend the nation, but also undermines recruitment and the clear-eyed purpose of citizen soldiers called to defend freedom.
- How? Pass legislation prohibiting the teaching, implementation, or usage of CRT, DEI, and radical gender theory concepts in the Armed Forces with punitive measures for officers who use the military as their personal ideological playground.

b) Secure our Borders by Establishing Full Operational Control.

- Why? To protect Americans from fentanyl and other illicit drugs pouring across the border, to protect our country from terrorists, to bring an end to cartel-driven human trafficking, and to restore actual sovereignty to our nation.
- How? Lock-in federal policy that 1) builds a wall and navigable roads along the border, 2) ends the loopholes in our laws such as credible fear & catch & release, 3) prevents the releasing of illegal migrants absent full detention through adjudication of a claim, 4) removes aliens in accordance with the law, & 5) designates cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs).

c) Protect American Farms, Ranches, and Food Processing Centers from Foreign Control – Particularly the Chinese Communist Party.

- Why? Malevolent actors like the Chinese Communist Party have been purchasing land and operations in the United States that are critical to our supply chain.
- How? Pass legislation protecting local meat and dairy processors from federal government and foreign overreach, and restrict non-American purchasing of land and operations, with an explicit focus on banning the CCP and other adversaries.

d) Save Taxpayer Money & Restore Sovereignty by Exiting Organizations that do not Serve the American People's Interests.

- Why? The U.S. spends billions of dollars each year upholding global institutions and organizations that undermine American policy and the values we hold.
- How? Stop funding these organizations and leave – starting with the World Health Organization, but other examples include U.N. climate agencies, Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the U.N. Population Fund (UNPF), the U.N Human Rights Council, and any other non-government organizations that facilitate illegal migration to our borders.

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