



Contract with Texas

Today, I am proposing the following contract to the citizens of Texas, effective upon my election to the U.S. Senate:

Two-Term Limit. After successfully serving as your Senator for my first term and winning Texans' support into a second term in 2020, I would not seek a third term. I will not become a career politician. The framers of our Constitution did not want career politicians, and neither do I. Also, I urge other candidates, in Texas and across America, to voluntarily term-limit themselves as I am doing.

Restricted Campaign Donations. If elected, I will accept no second term campaign donations until 18 months before the election, or May 2019. Our Senators and Representatives devote far too much energy to building huge campaign coffers at the expense of service to their constituents. My pledge gives me four and a half years to focus only on providing responsive, attentive representation to the people of Texas.

We've Reached Our Debt Limit. I will support no further increases in our debt limit. We need to spend less, not borrow more, and my vote on further debt limit increases will be a NO in every case.

Obamacare Must Go. I will vote against any measure that funds the Affordable Care Act or preserves it in any way. I will work with Republicans and Democrats to put forth a workable, market-based alternative by July 2015

Read First, Then Vote. I will not vote for any piece of legislation unless I have first read it and understand it. No Senator or Representative should ever be "surprised" at what was in legislation they voted for.

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Candidate for U. S. Senator
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I would like to thank a man in Odessa – whose name I didn't catch – for inspiring me to put these key points into a formal contract. After my in-studio appearance on Odessa's KCRS morning radio talk show, a caller praised my policy positions but wondered how sincere I was. I decided this formal contract was the answer, and if I violate any of these pledges – which I won't – I want the people of Texas to demand that I step down.

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