



Texans for Free Enterprise PAC Announces Endorsements in Texas Primary Races

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AUSTIN—Texans for Free Enterprise PAC (TFEPAC) has announced endorsements in the following primary elections.

“The Texans for Free Enterprise PAC supports candidates who believe in free markets and are willing to vigorously promote free enterprise and policies that encourage competition and consumer choice,” said TFEPAC Chairman Doug Deason. “One of the most egregious examples of anti-free market policies is the regulation of title insurance. Title insurance rates are set by the state, which keeps prices artificially high and protects the title insurance industry from competition that is faced by every other business in Texas.”

Governor	Greg Abbott (R)
Lieutenant Governor	Dan Patrick (R)
Attorney General	Ken Paxton (R)
State Senator, District 2	Bob Hall (R)
State Representative, District 23	Mayes Middleton (R)
State Representative, District 36	Sergio Munoz, Jr. (D)
State Representative, District 60	Mike Lang (R)
State Representative, District 98	Giovanni Capriglione (R)
State Representative, District 134	Susanna Dokupil (R)
U.S. Representative, District 21	Chip Roy (R)

More information on TFEPAC can be found at txenterprise.com

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Texans for Free Enterprise PAC
823 Congress, Suite 630
Austin, Texas 78701

January 29, 2018

Re: Endorsement and support consideration

Dear Representative ,

The Texans for Free Enterprise PAC supports candidates who believe in free markets and are willing to vigorously promote free enterprise and policies that encourage competition and consumer choice. If you share these beliefs, and would like to be eligible for our support, please complete and return the attached questionnaire.

One of the most egregious examples of anti-free market policies is the regulation of title insurance. As you may know, title insurance rates are set by the state, which protects the title insurance industry from competition that is faced by every other business in Texas. While consumers in other states have seen rates plummet due to advances in technology and increased competition, Texas consumers have seen their rates remain artificially high.

Price fixing is antithetical to the spirit of free enterprise that drives the Texas economy and guides most public policy decisions. There is no business in Texas that is as heavily regulated and devoid from competition, as title insurance. While most regulation supposedly exists to protect consumers, the lack of competition benefits only the title insurance industry. It's time to break up monopolistic pricing.

While you will hear claims from owners of title insurance companies (or people who hold an interest in title insurance companies) that current title insurance regulations protect consumers, just ask this simple question: "why can't you offer a different price, just like every other business in Texas – from lawyers to real estate agents to medical doctors?"

To help us determine whether you should receive consideration of support from the Texans for Free Enterprise PAC, please complete the following questionnaire by February 10th, 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact Justin Keener at Justin@granitepublicaffairs.com or 512-636-2527.

Thank you,



Doug Deason



Justin Keener

Texans for Free Enterprise PAC
Candidate Questionnaire

Do you support the free market?

Do you support public policy that favors competition and consumer choice?

Do you support public policy that favors government price fixing?

Lastly, specific to title insurance -

Title insurance consumers are faced with a dilemma – every title agency offers the exact same product for the exact same price, which is set by a state agency regardless of a consumer’s desires or needs. Consumers ask their real estate agent who to use, and the result is usually, “it doesn’t matter, they all charge and do the same.”

There is no product in any industry in Texas whereby the state outlines what can be sold at what price, like it does for title insurance. This has resulted in some of the highest title insurance prices in the country and protects the industry from real competition that every other business in Texas faces.

Do you support allowing title insurance companies to set different rates and compete on price?

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed form to:

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