



## ***Donald Trump Attacks Central Texas, Where is Brad Buckley? Buckley's passive approach hurts Fort Hood, Killeen families***

Brad Buckley keeps a low profile – very low. Even when central Texas families need someone sticking up for them, Buckley takes a pass. When Donald Trump attacked a military hero, where was Brad Buckley? When Donald Trump used a Bible as a prop to justify violently attacking American citizens, Brad Buckley stayed silent. It's the timid complicity from Republicans like Brad Buckley that has allowed Donald Trump to undermine our values and attack our community.

Buckley's silence has paid off for him politically, though. By staying silent, Buckley has been able to navigate his way through Donald Trump's Republican Party and join forces with some of Trump's most irresponsible allies in Austin. Good for Trump definitely bad for central Texans.

- **Turning his back on Fort Hood families:** One military leader characterized the predatory payday lending outlets located near the entrance of military bases as "[bears on a trout stream](#)." Yet, Brad Buckley, who represents the Fort Hood community, used his position in the legislature to embolden predatory payday lenders by voting [against enhanced reporting requirements](#) and prohibiting payday lenders them [from initiating criminal charges against borrowers](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- **Dismantling Affordable Healthcare:** Buckley has also stood with Trump-Republicans in the Texas Legislature [to block the expansion of healthcare for over 1 million Texans](#). Buckley [even flip-flopped](#) on ensuring Texas women who have recently given birth have access to the healthcare services they need.<sup>2</sup>
- **Attacks on public schools:** Buckley has taken over twenty thousand dollars from right-wing special interest groups dedicated to private school vouchers - shifting millions of dollars away from local neighborhood public schools and giving it to unaccountable private schools<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [HB 1442, Amendment 2 \(86R\) RV 139; HB 1442, Amendment 1 \(86R\) RV 138](#)

<sup>2</sup> [HB 1, Amendment 72\(86R\), RV107; HB 744 \(86R\) RV 1322](#)

<sup>3</sup> Texas Ethics Commission; [Texas Observer, 5/19/2014](#)