



Craig Goldman Brings Trump-Style Sleazy to Tarrant County Goldman's pay-to-play politics leaves out Fort Worth families.

Republican State Representative Craig Goldman didn't need his arm twisted to get on the Trump bandwagon, he virtually drove it into town. Even before Donald Trump hijacked the Republican party and became their nominee in 2016, Goldman pledged his allegiance to Trump and even called him an "[an asset for the nation](#)". It's no surprise, really. Goldman is a former Washington lobbyist and has always practiced the type pay-to-play politics that fit nicely in Trump's world.

Goldman's decision has paid off for him – at least in the short term. By backing Trump and refusing to object to even his most vial actions, Goldman has netted tens of thousands of dollars from loyal Trump donors and been fully embraced by the most extreme and divisive GOP activists who now call the shots for Texas Republicans.

Texas families pay the price for Goldman's Trump-style pay-to-play agenda:

- **Dismantling Affordable Healthcare:** Craig Goldman [supports repeal of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) that provides Texans with pre-existing conditions access to quality, affordable healthcare and prescription drugs. While working to dismantle the ACA, Goldman has also stood with Trump-Republicans in the Texas Legislature [to block the expansion of healthcare](#) for over [1 million Texans](#) and [100,000 who live in Goldman's own county](#).¹
- **Attacks on Public Schools:** Craig Goldman has voted to cripple public schools and prevent the expansion of high-quality pre-K. At least three times, Goldman voted for private school vouchers that would shift millions of dollars away from local neighborhood public schools and give it to unaccountable private schools.²
- **Deep-pocket Corporations over Fort Worth Families:** Goldman has made sticking up for corporate special interests his priority. Craig Goldman is a former DC lobbyist. His brother is a lobbyist too. Over the years, special interest donors gave Goldman hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign donations while he

¹ [TCU Skiff, 11/5/2012](#); [HB 1, Amendment 64 \(84R\), RV143](#); [CPPP, 2/21/2013](#); [Kaiser Family Foundation, Accessed 7/2020](#)

² [SB1, Amendment 8 \(85R\), RV165](#); [SB1, Amendment 9 to the Amendment \(85R\), RV163](#); [SB1, Amendment 95 \(83R\), RV169](#)

has done their bidding in the State House. Goldman works for his insider friends and loyal Trump campaign donors at the expense of Fort Worth area families.³

³ Texas Ethics Commission, Accessed 7/2020