



## ***Matt Krause: A Perfect Fit in a Trump- controlled GOP*** ***Krause does bidding for anti-vaxers and far-right fringe groups***

Matt Krause is supported by anti-vaccine radicals, is an outspoken advocate of Ted Cruz and a hostile opponent of the Affordable Care Act. Trump and Krause may have different styles, but they both share the same destructive instinct to promote controversy and use division to pit Texans against each other.

A graduate of the Trump-aligned Liberty University, Krause was the hand-picked candidate of the extreme-wing of the Texas Republican Party. His supporter list features a who's who of the anti-science, anti-public education wing of the Republican Party that would make Liberty University President and staunch Trump ally, Jerry Falwell, proud.

Since elected, Krause has raked in tens of thousands in campaign donations from Trump-aligned donors and right-wing special interests. Here's what he's done in return:

- **Dismantling Affordable Healthcare:** Matt Krause [supports repeal of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) that would take away protections for Texans with pre-existing conditions. While working to dismantle the ACA, Krause [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 Krause's own community](#).<sup>1</sup>
- **Off-the-edge supporters:** Where there's a far-right scorecard, there's an A+ rating for Matt Krause. Krause's [blind loyalty to the anti-vaccine front group, Texans for Vaccine Choice](#), has put children in his own district at risk. In return for supporting a pro-voucher, anti-LGBT, social conservative agenda, the West Texas fringe group, Empower Texans, has padded Krause's campaign coffers with over \$50,000.<sup>2</sup>
- **Attacks on Public Schools:** Matt Krause has voted to cripple public schools and prevent the expansion of high-quality pre-K. Krause [voted for private school](#)

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<sup>1</sup> [Texas Tribune, 9/5/2013](#); [HB 1, Amendment 64 \(84R\), RV143](#); [CPPP, 2/21/2013](#); [Kaiser Family Foundation, Accessed 7/2020](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Texans for Vaccines Choice](#); Texas Ethics Commission, Accessed 7/2020

[vouchers](#) that would shift millions of dollars away from local neighborhood public schools and give it to unaccountable private schools.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [SB1, Amendment 8 \(85R\), RV165](#); [SB1, Amendment 9 to the Amendment \(85R\), RV163](#); [SB1, Amendment 95 \(83R\), RV169](#)