



## ***Jeff Leach: Out of Touch Trumper***

### ***Leach takes dangerous ideology and destructive partisanship to Austin***

Backed by anti-vaccine radicals, a divisive advocate for Ted Cruz, and a hostile opponent to affordable health care - that is the profile defining off-the-edge Republican State Representative Jeff Leach. His devotion to Donald Trump of course amplifies Leach's destructive tenure in the Legislature.

Since being elected, Jeff Leach has carried the water for the worst forces within the Trump-Republican Party. *Texas Monthly* called Leach one of the "worst" members of the Texas Legislature, saying that Leach has a tendency to "whipsaw around for power and to pander to voters." *Texas Monthly* continued saying Leach's style is "the worst kind of political gamesmanship."

Jeff Leach is "the genial poster child for the evangelical tea party, bomb-thrower wing of the GOP", according to *Texas Monthly*. Take a look for yourself:

- **Dismantling Affordable Healthcare:** Jeff Leach [supports repeal of the Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) that provides coverage for Texans with pre-existing conditions, access to quality affordable healthcare and prescription drugs. While working to dismantle the ACA, Leach [authored and passed a Trump-Republican proposal to block the expansion of healthcare](#) for over 1 million Texans.<sup>1</sup>
- **Trump-like affiliations:** Jeff Leach is aligned with some of Texas' most ideologically extreme organizations and even [earned a top legislative rating from an anti-vaccine fringe group](#). Leach's off-the-edge ideology and [opposition to reproductive healthcare in cases of rape and incest](#), has kept his radical special interest supporters on board.<sup>2</sup>
- **Attacks on Texas kids:** Leach has [voted for private school vouchers](#) that would shift millions of dollars away from local neighborhood public schools and give it to unaccountable private local schools. In return, he's [netted tens of thousands of dollars from anti-public education special interests](#). It wasn't the first time Leach put special interests over Texas kids. Leach opposed [shifting millions of dollars in](#)

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<sup>1</sup> [iVoter Guide 2016; Reuters, 5/26/2013](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Reform Austin, 8/23/2018; SB 8, Amendment 3 \(85R\) RV 1377](#)

[taxpayer dollars from a controversial corporate slush fund](#) to help fund foster care and services for children with disabilities.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [SB1, Amendment 8 \(85R\), RV165; SB 1, Motion to Instruct Conferees \(85R\) RV 357](#)