



Sam Harless: Trump Partisanship over Public Health

Harless blocks access to quality healthcare as COVID-19 pandemic rages

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across Harris County, Sam Harless has taken the Trump approach: ignore science, attack those responsible for containing the virus and work to deny access to healthcare. The Trump approach has left over 10,000 Texans dead with no end in sight. Yet, Harless has doubled down on the failed Trump strategy while his Harris County neighbors continue to get sick.

Since his first day in the Legislature, Harless has worked overtime to prevent Texans from getting the health care they need. Whether it's getting an annual checkup to ensuring medication for late stage cancer patients, Sam Harless has taken the side of Trump and the insurance special interests who fund his campaign.

Dismantling Affordable Healthcare: In the Legislature, Sam Harless has joined with Trump aligned interests to [block the expansion of healthcare](#) for [over 1 million Texans](#). While denying access to quality healthcare, Harless voted against [creating hundreds of thousands of good paying jobs](#) and forcing Texans to continue subsidizing healthcare coverage in other states¹.

Insurance special interest over cancer patients: After taking thousands of dollars in campaign donations from insurance companies, insurance industry lobbyists and corporate special interests, Harless was one of only a handful of lawmakers to [vote against](#) requiring insurance companies cover better-quality prescription drugs for [stage four cancer patients](#)².

Trump-like COVID approach: In the midst of a global public health crisis, Sam Harless has joined Trump in downplaying the coronavirus and attacking the advice of trusted public health professionals on common-sense issues such as mask wearing. Harless called a local mask order going “too far” and [supports a big state government approach](#)

¹ [HB 1, Amendment 72 \(86R\) RV 107](#); [Texas Tribune, 2/27/20](#); [Every Texan, 2015](#)

² [HB 1584 \(86R\) RV 1068](#); [Susan G Komen San Antonio](#)

[of burdensome legislation to foolishly limit the ability of locally elected officials to implement proven public health measures](#) including mask requirements³.

³ [Houston Chronicle, 4/24/2020](#)