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<b>Family Background:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Born and raised in Abilene;</li> <li>Married to Lindsay since 2008;</li> <li>We have four children: Lucy, Claire, Nellie Cate and Henry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married to the same woman (Chandra Ferguson) for 31yrs.</li> <li>We have four sons, 3 beautiful daughters in law and 3 beautiful granddaughters.</li> <li>I grew up in Merkel, my wife grew up in Hawley and our sons attended Wylie ISD.</li> <li>We currently live on the farm that my great grandparents bought in 1908.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My husband and I have 7 children and 2 grandchildren.</li> <li>Before I married my husband Dan, I was a single mother of four children for many years. I raised them and taught school while continuing my political activism. There were times we lived week to week, relying on the Lord to supply our needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have been married to my wife Haley for 12 years, we have six children with ages ranging from 3-11.</li> <li>Haley and I both come from large families, she is the oldest of 7 and I am the oldest of 14.</li> </ul>	<b>Family Background:</b>
<b>Educational Background:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I graduated from Abilene Christian High School and McMurry University.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HS diploma, 96 hours of college.</li> <li>Have attended Olympic College in Wa state, Cisco Jr College and;</li> <li>I was a preveterinary medicine major at Tarleton State University until the Gulf War broke out and I withdrew from college and served my country in the United States Marine Corps.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership Institute Graduate 1984</li> <li>BA Speech Communication/Human Relations Minor Political Science TCU 1986</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I was raised as a home school student.</li> <li>I spent some time in college working towards a degree in Psychology before dropping out to focus on working to support our growing family.</li> <li>Education since then has been job related focusing on Construction/Safety Management.</li> </ul>	<b>Educational Background:</b>
<b>Professional Background (including political offices held):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served on Abilene City Council, 2014-2017;</li> <li>Worked in oil and gas, commercial real estate;</li> <li>Worked in senior staff positions in the Texas House and US House;</li> <li>Currently work for a family business in Albany, and part time for Hendrick Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most recent to earliest:</li> <li>Deputy United States Marshal</li> <li>Letter Carrier for the US Postal Service</li> <li>Owner-Operator at Ferguson Construction</li> <li>United States Marine Corps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My experience in the world of political activism started early. While at TCU, I was chosen by the political science department to intern at The Washington Post and attended the Republican National Convention of 1984.</li> <li>I worked for Congressman Stan Parris of Virginia as Volunteer Coordinator in 1984 where I was responsible for campaign activities like precinct walks, campaign youth events, and organization/utilization of young Republican groups.</li> <li>I have been a delegate to the State Senatorial Conventions since 1984 and the State Republican Conventions since 1994. In 1988 I worked for Senator Phil Gramm as the liaison between Constituents and State and Federal Agencies.</li> <li>In 1996 I served as a member of the State Platform Committee Sub-committee on Education and as the 16th Senatorial District Platform Committee Secretary.</li> <li>Professionally, I taught in the Dallas and Richardson public school system for more than 10 years.</li> <li>For the last 10 years, I have been going to Austin on a regular basis to advocate for conservative legislation. During the 89th Session alone, I testified in committee for many bills and advocated for the passage of conservative bills and the "killing" of freedom-stealing bills. This included the Women's Privacy Act and stopping the mail order abortion pill.</li> <li>I went to Austin, not only in the regular session but both special sessions fighting for our Big Country Values on my own time and my own dime.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I work as a Safety and Project Manager for a Small Business in Tye, TX.</li> <li>We specialize in HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing primarily for Dyess AFB.</li> <li>I have not previously held any political office.</li> </ul>	<b>Professional Background (including political offices held):</b>

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<b>Military Service:</b>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United States Marine Corps - Infantry and Security Forces</li> <li>Disabled Veteran</li> </ul>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I come from a family rich in military service but I myself have not served.</li> <li>My father and both grandfathers are Air Force Retirees and my brother is currently Active Duty Coast Guard.</li> </ul>	<b>Military Service:</b>
<b>Church Involvement:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday school teacher, usher, greeter, stewardship chair, general volunteer</li> </ul>	<p>I have been part of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Broadview Baptist Church</li> <li>Beltway Church (I assisted with the youth program and volunteered for approximately 7yrs at summer youth camp as a counselor)</li> <li>Most Recently - Bethel Assembly in Anson Texas where I assisted with the worship team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Throughout the years, I have served in many capacities.</li> <li>Just a few examples include church choir, vacation bible school, Rainbow Days and Ronald McDonald House.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our family has attended The Well in Abilene since 2020.</li> <li>Through our church we lead a small group, and are active in volunteering in the childrens ministry.</li> </ul>	<b>Church Involvement:</b>
<b>Civic &amp; Community Involvement (including the Republican Party):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service on numerous non-profit boards and community initiatives;</li> <li>Vice-Chair of Taylor County GOP, 2013-2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coached Little League Baseball for 18yrs</li> <li>Coached YMCA youth basketball</li> <li>Served on the Board of Directors for Disability Resources for 13yrs as a board member, vice chair and chairman of the board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My political involvement began when I was 16 years old and saw a movie about abortion. I knew then that I must stand up for those more vulnerable than myself. In college, I began to be actively involved in the activities of the Republican Party. I was selected by my professors in the Political Science Department at TCU to intern at the Washington Post where I had the opportunity to attend the 1984 Republican National Convention. I was selected by the Leadership Institute to work on the campaign of Congressman Stan Parris of Virginia.</li> <li>I have also been involved in the Republican Party at the state level since 1984. For 40 years I have participated in the shaping the Republican Party Platforms. No other candidate understands the interworking of the Republican party like I do.</li> <li>I have also been an active member of many civic and community groups fighting for the unborn and other vulnerable groups. Empowering women and girls has been a passion and mission of mine since I was old enough to make a difference.</li> <li>Just a few other positions I have held in Civic organizations are as follows (This is not an exhaustive list) Vice President of Programs Big Country Conservative Coalition, Abilene Republican Women Vice President of Legislation and Programs, Vice President of Programs Taylor County Republican Party, Associate member Buffalo Gap Republican women, Associate Member Richardson Republican Women, Associate Member North Texas Republican Women, Member of Grassroots America, Ronald McDonald House Volunteer, Event Coordinator, Rainbow Days Member of Auxiliary Board, Member Kappa Kappa Gamma(Tablescares fundraiser), Life Chain.</li> </ul>	<p>Community involvement has come primarily through volunteer opportunities in our community tied to our church. Outside of that I have spent some time helping manage a couple youth soccer teams.</p>	<b>Civic &amp; Community Involvement (including the Republican Party):</b>

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<b>Why did you decide to run?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have always believed in serving my community. I am raising my family in HD71, and I want us to have the best representation possible.</li> <li>• I was raised to believe that if you believe you can help your people, you are duty-bound to do so. That's how I have lived my life. It is a rare privilege to have this opportunity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I felt that HD71 needed a candidate to run who was not a politician and wanted to give a voice back to the people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have repeatedly been inundated with evidence that our conservative principals are not represented by our so-called Republican representatives. Even the "conservative" legislation that has passed has included many open doors for waste, fraud and abuse. Multiple people from this district asked me repeatedly to run for this seat. I prayed about the need, and I got a clear answer that I needed to step up.</li> <li>• As shown in my professional background section, I have been in Austin advocating for our values here in the Big Country for 10 years. The voting record for HD71 did not align with our values. We need someone in charge of that voting button that we KNOW will support legislation that promotes freedom and KILL legislation that would take it away. I am running because I care about the Big Country. No other candidate in this race knows what it is like to fight the Deep State in Austin, but I do. I have fought with other patriots and won many battles to date. We are not done, so I will stand. Please let me serve you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In October of 2024 our pastor was doing a sermon series on Amos. In it he was pointing out the similarities between the things Amos was calling out in Israel and things we can see in our society today. In the course of his sermon he asked "Would one of you run for office and give me someone I actually want to go vote for?" I felt a calling when he said that but felt it was not practical due to family and job constraints. Within a few weeks afterwards my wife, and the owner of the company I work for separately said they thought I should consider running for office. With a calling that seemed so clear all we are doing now is stepping out in obedience.</li> </ul>	<b>Why did you decide to run?</b>
<b>Discuss the guiding principles that would shape your decisions as a legislator:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My unwavering faith, the values of West Texas, the Constitution and laws of this land, and the commitments I make to making the will of my constituents a reality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone who knows me knows that I take very seriously the image that others see of me. I have morals, integrity and values. None of which are for sale. I will not fold under the pressures of Austin, Texas, and the establishment. I will faithfully serve the best interests of HD71.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As stated in my answer above, I believe the need is great to represent conservative Christian Values in Austin. The Word of God is my compass for all decisions and will shape every decision I make during the 90th Legislative Session once I am elected. I will stand true to my faith and integrity no matter what. This is a tall order, as we have seen many fall in Austin that had very good intentions going into their role. I know what I am facing and am prepared to refuse any donation that would compromise me or this district. I cannot be bought and I will not fall prey to the attacks of the deep state in Austin Texas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I believe our Founding Fathers set up our government with core liberty based principals. Every decision I make as a legislator would be informed by these. Individual Liberty, Limited Government, Personal Property Rights, and Free Enterprise. Every bill that comes up would be measured against principles like these, and whether they restore the role of government to its proper place.</li> </ul>	<b>Discuss the guiding principles that would shape your decisions as a legislator:</b>

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<p>Identify your top five priorities that you would champion if elected and explain the reasons behind each.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure the Border &amp; Crack Down on Illegal Immigration,</li> <li>• Deliver Meaningful and lasting Property Tax Relief,</li> <li>• Secure funding for water supply projects in HD 71,</li> <li>• Strengthen public safety, and</li> <li>• Protect our Constitutional rights.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Healthcare reform. I will fight to end the monopoly that Hendricks Hospital has currently in HD71 and fight to repeal the legislation that Stan Lambert pushed through to allow it to happen.</li> <li>2. Infrastructure. I will fight to bolster and improve our infrastructure such as roadways, utilities and most important our water rights.</li> <li>3. Education and school safety. Currently Texas is ranked in the middle of the pack in education. I will work with educators and parents to better the education system. And as an active shooter instructor who currently trains local schools, I will work to ensure that our schools have the proper funding to guarantee our children a safe learning environment.</li> <li>4. Immigration and the border . As a Deputy US Marshal I was stationed on the Mexican border and was a liaison with Mexican officials. I was assigned to the DEA HIDTA task force working hand in hand with immigration, customs, border patrol and state and local law enforcement to stop not only illegal narcotics flooding into our country, but illegals and human trafficking as well. I will continue to fight to close our borders to illegal activity.</li> <li>5. Property taxes. I will fight to abolish property taxes in the state of Texas. Following the example set by other states by reducing unnecessary spending and wasteful projects currently being voted on and passed by the current administration.</li> </ol>	<p>Protect Texas Children            Protect Texas children from termination in the womb, the dangers that come across our border like fentanyl and sex trafficking, and those who would rob their innocence with things like pornography in our schools. We must respect life at all stages and punish those who won't.</p> <p>Educate Texas Children            The very purpose of education is to prepare children to thrive as adults and become lifelong independent learners. We need to strengthen the basics: reading, writing, and essential math skills. We need to strengthen STEM (Science Technology Engineering, and higher Mathematics) to help our children access tomorrow's jobs. We need to remove the red tape from the education system and return power to our teachers so they can do the job they were hired to do.</p> <p>Protect Texas Land and Water            Our land is our freedom, where we pursue happiness, and our water is life. Both are non-negotiable, and both must be protected.</p> <p>Guard Texas Agriculture            Farmers and ranchers feed our families. We cannot allow Texas to fail to safeguard the availability of healthy food for all of us.</p> <p>True Home Ownership            Taxing our property turns home ownership into a rental agreement with the state that forces people to never actually own their home no matter how many years they pay for it. This is just immoral. Texans must enjoy the security of true home ownership.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Individual Liberty and Limited Government.              My top priority is protecting the rights of Texans while keeping government in it's proper role. This includes defending free speech , the right to worship, the Second Amendment, and ensuring families make decisions about their lives. If we do not get this right, nothing that comes after it is possible.</li> <li>2. Lowering Taxes.              I support responsible budgeting, cutting waste, and tax policies that let families and small businesses keep more of what they earn. Fiscal discipline is essential to make sure we can have the government continue to carry out the creation and protection of a strong Texas.</li> <li>3. Ensuring Strong Infrastructure.              Reliable water systems, safe roads, and a trustworthy power grid are the backbone our economy is built on. These are also the things that none of us can do on our own. I believe that strengthening our infrastructure is the first thing that should be done with our taxpayer dollars.</li> <li>4. Border Security and Immigration Reform.              I believe we need strong enforcement to secure our communities, but I also believe that Texas should be leading the way in exploring solutions to fixing our legal immigration system so it is lawful, efficient, and functional. A secure and well-managed system protects Texans and strengthens our economy.</li> <li>5. Ensuring High-Quality Education.              Every child deserves access to a strong, academically focused education. I will champion policies that empower parents, strengthen local control, and ensure classrooms stay centered on teaching and learning. A successful future for Texas depends on well-prepared students regardless of whether they are in the public school system, in private schools, educated at home, or anything in between.</li> </ol>	<p>Identify your top five priorities that you would champion if elected and explain the reasons behind each.</p>

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Describe how you will work to protect Texas sovereignty against federal overreach.	I will support the Republican Party Platform by authoring, joint-authoring, or co-authoring the Texas Sovereignty Act to ensure Texas remains in control of its own destiny under the full authority of the 10th Amendment.	I will fight to ensure that Texas' 10th amendment rights are not trampled on by supporting strong legislation such as the Texas Sovereignty Act which allows Texas to review federal action and gives our state courts the authority to declare certain federal actions unconstitutional and thus unenforceable within Texas Borders.	I will support legislation that strengthens the executive branch and opposes any legislation that waters down the rights of Texas to govern Texas. Examples of past legislation that provides this support include; increased state penalties for illegal immigrants trespassing in the state of Texas. Increase the duties of the Attorney General to defend Texas against Federal Government overreach backed by codified legislation.	I will support legislation that blocks unfunded federal mandates, limits the ability of federal agencies to impose regulations that fall outside their constitutional authority, and strengthens the state's legal position when challenging federal overreach in court. I will also work to ensure Texas agencies and local governments are not pressured into adopting federal policies that conflict with our laws or our values. By defending state authority in statute, budget decisions, and oversight hearings, I will work to keep power close to the people of Texas where it belongs.	Describe how you will work to protect Texas sovereignty against federal overreach.

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Share your position on limited government and individual liberty.	When we secure Texas sovereignty, we limit the federal government's impact on our day-to-day lives. Beyond that, we need to cut state spending, allow taxpayers to keep more of their hard-earned dollars, and repeal laws and regulations that prevent Texans from freely exercising their constitutional rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have always believed that a limited government is better government.</li> <li>Our country was founded on the premise of individual liberties and all forms of government have to be kept in check to negate tyranny.</li> </ul>	<p>The state of Texas budget has increased by 323% in the last 30 years. The 88th legislative session alone increased it by 32%. The per capita cost has increased 37% in the last four years. It is now \$3,700 per person per year. This is out of control, and anyone that voted for these budget increases is complicit. Property taxes are out of control as well. The only way we can take back this state and our personal financial freedom is to limit spending at the state and local levels.</p> <p>These increased budgets expand the bureaucracy that is breathing down our necks. Limiting government not only will save the average Texan tax dollars that can go toward feeding our families and building security for our children, it will give us back our freedoms that have been a cornerstone of this country and this state since its inception.</p> <p>March 2, 1836, the Texas Declaration of Independence stated, "When a government has ceased to protect the lives, liberty, and property of the people, from whom its legitimate powers are derived, and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted; and so far from being a guarantee for their inestimable and inalienable rights, becomes an instrument in the hands of evil rulers for their oppression... in such a crisis, the first law of nature, the right of self preservation, the inherent and inalienable right of the people to appeal to first principles, and take their political affairs into their own hands in extreme cases, enjoins it as a right towards themselves and a sacred obligation to their posterity to abolish such government, and create another in its stead, calculated to rescue them from impending dangers, and to secure their welfare and happiness..." These principles will guide me as the representative for HD71.</p>	To me limited government looks like government being done as close to the taxpayer as possible. Things should only be done in DC that we cannot do in Austin, and things in Austin should only be done that we can do on our own at the city or county level. As for individual liberty, I believe that we should be minimizing the power of government on decisions made by individuals even if I personally disagree with some others decisions. "My freedom ends where yours begins" sums it up well.	Share your position on limited government and individual liberty.
Explain how you will work to strengthen conservative unity within the Texas House of Representatives. Share your perspective on the current leadership of the Texas House and how it aligns with Republican principles.	As a lawmaker, I will use the one thing that brings us all together: policy. By bringing forward Conservative, smart, and effective policies, we invite more colleagues to participate and contribute to the success of our state. That should be our goal. And the more unified, the stronger our state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are too many so called Republicans voting across party lines and supporting the Democratic Party and their agenda.</li> <li>I will work with other conservative leaders to write legislation that bolsters and strengthens the conservative goals and beliefs of the Republican Party.</li> </ul>	My legislative activism for the last decade in Austin has allowed me the unique opportunity to develop relationships with the truly conservative legislators in the Texas House of Representatives as well as the Texas Senate. These existing relationships will continue into the 90th Legislative Session and beyond. Relationships take time and effort and I have put in the time and the effort. I will continue to foster these ties to benefit Texas and HD71.	I believe this can best be done by building relationships, communicating well, and making sure we keep the key things in focus. Much like a church, if we can come to agreement on the main issues then we will have an easier time accepting disagreements on secondary and tertiary issues. I also think that if we are focusing government on doing it's core functions there will be less to disagree on in general.	Explain how you will work to strengthen conservative unity within the Texas House of Representatives. Share your perspective on the current leadership of the Texas House and how it aligns with Republican principles.

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Share your perspective on the current leadership of the Texas House and how it aligns with Republican principles.	My job as a new member of the House of Representatives will be to support a Speaker candidate who will champion conservative legislation and eliminate the ability of Democrats to disrupt the process.	I don't believe that it currently does. I believe that there are too many RINOs in the Texas House who need to be voted out of office before the Republican Party can get back the control they are supposed to have. These individuals do not represent conservative Republicans or their principles.	The speaker should be elected by the Republican members only. The speaker needs to be conservative. The speaker needs to uphold the party platform and especially the legislative priorities of the party. What we found this session, was that our speaker passed more bills that were Democrat priorities than our Republican priorities. That is unacceptable. In a state where the Governor, the Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House are all Republican, Republican priorities should not come last.	The Texas House has made progress on conservative priorities, but leadership could do more to consistently uphold principles like limited government, fiscal responsibility, and accountability. As a non-member, I don't have full insight into all the challenges leaders face, but if elected I will focus on supporting those who advance these values transparently and effectively for the people of Texas.	Share your perspective on the current leadership of the Texas House and how it aligns with Republican principles.
Indicate which of the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session you would champion moving forward into the 90th Legislative Session, and provide your reasoning.	The Texas Sovereignty Act. We are blessed to be under a great president who loves the country and is a strong ally for Texas. But to protect and preserve our success, we must be able to control our destiny and limit the size and role of the federal government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would support every single one of them, they are all important.</li> <li>• But if I had to choose a priority to "champion" it would be "Border Enforcement." The reason for this is that illegal immigration at our southern border affects so much in our day to day lives. It is part of the narcotics issue, the illegal voters issue, part of the reason our medical costs and health insurance costs are skyrocketing, part of the reason for under the table wages causing a lack of funding going into social security, human trafficking and so much more.</li> </ul>	I would champion all the legislative priorities from the 89th session because those were the priorities voted on by the delegates at convention. I agree with them and will uphold them. Though we made some strides at addressing these priorities during the 89th Legislative Session we still have work to do. For example, "Securing Texas Elections" was a priority that received very few victories and is absolutely imperative if we are going to reestablish true freedom in the State of Texas.	I think the ones that stand out to me the most are those that are in line with what I have mentioned earlier in this survey. Securing the Grid, Ending Federal Overreach and Border Enforcement.	Indicate which of the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session you would champion moving forward into the 90th Legislative Session, and provide your reasoning.
Identify which planks of the Republican Party of Texas Platform you most strongly support and provide reasons for your support.	Property Tax Relief/Reform/Transparency. The system is broken. Spending is out of control by government. And the biggest driver in rising home affordability is the out-of-control increases in property taxes. We need to do more to make sure the Texas Miracle is working for Texans.	Protecting and adhering to the Constitution of the United States and Texas and the Declaration of Independence.	Given the fact that I have been helping craft the Republican Party Platform since the year 2000, it is hard to find a plank in the entire platform that I do not strongly agree with or a section of issues that I haven't testified on in Austin. I spend most of my time focused on the section under Education, which begins on Page 15. It includes planks 85. Parents Rights in Education, 88. Prohibiting Grooming of Minors, 90. Religious Freedom and Government Schools. Plank 101. Withdraw from Taxpayer-Funded Lobby Groups Like TASB is an issue that I have testified on during multiple sessions and one that needs to be fought for. Taxpayer funded lobbying is unacceptable and the antithesis of freedom. Taxpayer-funded lobbying, as a practice, takes money out of the pockets of Texans and uses it to lobby the legislature against the interests of those Texans. We must fight to stop this in the 90th session as it has been brought up in at least the last four sessions, and it has yet to pass.	<p>20. State Sovereignty.</p> <p>24. Article 5 Convention of States</p> <p>Both of these speak strongly to the concept of restoring governments into their rightful place.</p> <p>62. Government Spending and Taxation</p> <p>I support this as it lends itself directly to getting fiscal responsibility under control.</p> <p>195. Abolish Abortion</p> <p>I believe that any pro-life legislation short of this is to participate in the destruction of human life. As long as we are legislating the who/when/where of abortion we giving a pass to those that fall within the law.</p>	Identify which planks of the Republican Party of Texas Platform you most strongly support and provide reasons for your support.

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Discuss any issues you have with the Republican Party of Texas Platform and provide your reasoning.	It's too long. We need to reorganize and better prioritize so we can find more common ground in the most important policy areas. I believe these issues have merit for discussion, but the plank should be a billboard for our vigilance in protecting Texas values.	I have no issues with the party.	As a part of the process and team that has been shaping the Republican Party of Texas Platform for over two decades, I know the content of the Platform very well, I understand the content of the Platform very well, and I support the Platform. I have no issues with any major sections of the Platform.	167. Capital Punishment. While I am not morally opposed to capital punishment I believe that government, like any institution is full of broken people and has the capacity to get things wrong. With capital punishment being the ultimate punishment I would prefer to not see it carried out as long as we have a justice system that in some cases could be executing those who may be wrongly convicted.	Discuss any issues you have with the Republican Party of Texas Platform and provide your reasoning.
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PLEDGE: When I vote for Speaker of the House, I pledge to vote for the candidate who received the nomination of the Texas House Republican Caucus.					PLEDGE: When I vote for Speaker of the House, I pledge to vote for the candidate who received the nomination of the Texas House Republican Caucus.
PLEDGE: I pledge to not support the assignment of Democrats to Committee Chair or Committee Vice Chair positions.					PLEDGE: I pledge to not support the assignment of Democrats to Committee Chair or Committee Vice Chair positions.
PLEDGE: I pledge to uphold both the Texas and the United States Constitutions.					PLEDGE: I pledge to uphold both the Texas and the United States Constitutions.
PLEDGE: I pledge to maintain regular communication with my constituents through Town Halls, Open Forums, and news updates.					PLEDGE: I pledge to maintain regular communication with my constituents through Town Halls, Open Forums, and news updates.
PLEDGE: I pledge to attend the Taylor County Republican Party Convention and the Republican Party of Texas Convention.					PLEDGE: I pledge to attend the Taylor County Republican Party Convention and the Republican Party of Texas Convention.
Other Comments	Thank you for this opportunity, Taylor County GOP!	Thank you to the Taylor County GOP for these great questions and your work in supporting conservative, grassroots candidates.	I think it is unwise to make a pledge about who I will support as speaker without knowing the facts. I have already been asked by the people of HD71 not to support Dustin Burrows as speaker. It is highly possible that he will arrange enough votes to walk out of the Republican Caucus as their nominee.	While I am sure I will agree with the vast majority of the 2026 platform, I am not comfortable pledging to support something that is yet to be written. Same goes for the Speaker vote, this is asking me to support someone that has not yet been determined or selected. My priority in legislative actions and in choosing a speaker will be determined by the values I have lined out in this questionnaire, which I believe should align with the 2026 platform and House Caucus speaker nomination. However if the platform or speaker nomination breaks from these values than my loyalty will be to the district and constitutional liberty values over the party.	Other Comments