



# Texas Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

## Death Tax Repeal matters for Texas

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.<sup>1</sup> Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at [www.nodeathtax.org/election2010](http://www.nodeathtax.org/election2010). Don't forget to vote!

### U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
<b>District 1</b>					
Rep. Louie Gohmert (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Charles Parkes III (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 2</b>					
Rep. Ted Poe (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
David Smith (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 3</b>					
Rep. Sam	<b>NOT</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES

<sup>1</sup> See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

Johnson (R)	<b>SIGNED</b>				
John Lingenfelder (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Chris Claytor (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 4</b>					
Rep. Ralph Hall (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
VaLinda Hathcox (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Jim Prindle (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Michael "Shane" Shepard (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 5</b>					
Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Tom Berry (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Ken Ashby (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 6</b>					
Rep. Joe Barton (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
David Cozad (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Byron Severns (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 7</b>					
Rep. John Culberson (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bob Townsend (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 8</b>					
Rep. Kevin	<b>NOT</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES

Brady (R)	<b>SIGNED</b>				
Kent Hargett (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Bruce West (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 9</b>					
Rep. Al Green (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	
Steve Mueller (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Michael Hope (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 10</b>					
Rep. Michael McCaul (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Ted Ankrum (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Jeremiah "JP" Perkins (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 11</b>					
Rep. Mike Conaway (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
James Quillian (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
James Powell (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 12</b>					
Rep. Kay Granger (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Tracey Smith (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Matt Solodow (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 13</b>					
Rep. Mac Thornberry (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES

John Burwell Jr. (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Keith Dyer (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 14</b>					
Rep. Ron Paul (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Robert Pruett (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 15</b>					
Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	NO	YES	NO
Eddie Zamora (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Aaron Cohn (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 16</b>					
Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
Tim Besco (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Bill Collins (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 17</b>					
Rep. Chet Edwards (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	YES	NO
Bill Flores (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Richard Kelly (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 18</b>					
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	YES	NO
John Faulk (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Mike Taylor (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				

<b>District 19</b>					
Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Andy Wilson (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Richard "Chip" Peterson (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 20</b>					
Rep. Charlie Gonzalez (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NOT VOTING	NO	NO	NO
Clayton Trotter (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Michael Idrogo (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 21</b>					
Rep. Lamar Smith (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Lainey Melnick (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
James Strohm (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 22</b>					
Rep. Pete Olson (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO			
Kesha Rogers (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Steve Susman (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 23</b>					
Rep. Ciro Rodriguez (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO		
Francisco "Quico" Canseco (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Martin Nitschke (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				

Craig Stephens (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 24</b>					
Rep. Kenny Marchant (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	NO	YES	YES	
David Sparks (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 25</b>					
Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
Donna Campbell (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Jim Stutsman (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 26</b>					
Rep. Michael Burgess (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Neil Durrance (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Mark Boler (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 27</b>					
Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
R. Blake Farenthold (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Ed Mishou (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 28</b>					
Rep. Henry Cuellar (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	YES	
Bryan Underwood (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Stephen	<b>NOT</b>				

Kaat (L)	<b>SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 29</b>					
Rep. Gene Green (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
Roy Morales Jr. (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Brad Walters (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 30</b>					
Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NOT VOTING	NO	NO
Stephen Broden (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
J.B. Oswalt (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 31</b>					
Rep. John Carter (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Bill Oliver (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 32</b>					
Rep. Pete Sessions (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Grier Raggio (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
John Jay Myers (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				

**Vote Key:**

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. Red represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."