Contract with Texas's Working Class

It's too damn hard for working people to get ahead.

You pay more for your electric bills. You pay more for prescriptions. You pay more for gas. Meanwhile, the biggest corporations post record profits. In Washington, the politicians in power cut taxes for their wealthy friends, then cut funding for our health care. They waste billions on endless foreign wars, but ignore the rising cost of groceries and gas.

The solution is not Republican versus Democrat or Right versus left. It's bottom versus top.

We believe in a vision for America where if you work hard and play by the rules you can build a better life.

We can end the corruption in Washington, DC, bring down costs, and make work pay.

Working people in states across the country are more united than divided. We have clear priorities. Congress must take action to put America's working people first.

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In the first 100 days of 2027, the signers pledge to support the following:

<u>Make government work for you, not politicians and their wealthy donors</u>.

1. **Stop Washington corruption.**
   Stop career politicians in Washington from enriching themselves with backroom deals while families face crushing grocery bills and unaffordable housing. Ban politicians - including the President, Members of Congress, and their families - from trading stocks on inside information and from ever lobbying after leaving office.

2. **Shift political power from special interests and wealthy elites back to everyday working families.**
   Stop corporations and super-rich donors from secretly flooding our elections with cash and buying influence. Our democracy should be about your voice and your vote, not who has the biggest bank account.

3. **Make the wealthy and big corporations pay their fair share.**
   The ultra-rich shouldn't pay less than nurses, teachers, and firefighters. But last year billionaires paid an average tax rate of less than 9% and 55 of the biggest corporations paid absolutely nothing. Make them contribute what they owe, so we can fully protect Social Security and Medicare and invest in public education, affordable childcare and care for seniors.

<u>Bring down costs so you can afford life's basics, enjoy time with family, and build a better future for your kids.</u>

4. **Lower drug prices.**
   Make drug companies give working people a fair deal. Expand government negotiations to lower the cost of prescription drugs and cap insulin at $35 a month by expanding successful government drug negotiations. Billion-dollar pharmaceutical companies should not get richer while ordinary people go broke buying medicine.

5. **Make healthcare affordable.**

   Make healthcare affordable by taking power from insurance corporations and giving working people a real choice. Stop unfair delays and denials, and let anyone buy into a public plan at a fair price. Healthcare should serve patients, not CEOs and shareholders at the top.

6. **Give families relief from high gas prices.**
   To put money back in Texans' pockets, pass a full suspension of federal and state gas and diesel taxes until prices drop back to their average before the start of the Iran War, and end the war in Iran.

7. **Build homes and rentals that families can actually afford.**
   Right now, big corporations and wealthy investors are jacking up housing costs, building luxury homes we can't afford, all to boost excessive profits. We will build quality, union-made affordable homes for our communities. Fix outdated government programs to provide direct, simple construction loans, making sure every single dollar builds or repairs homes, rather than lining investor pockets.

8. **End a rigged system that punishes working parents.**
   Guarantee access to essential benefits like paid sick days and family and medical leave and cap the cost of childcare. Politicians should protect families, not big corporations and special interests that profit when workers have no real choice.

Respect and reward work by giving you the pay, paid time-off, and retirement you deserve.

9. **Make work pay.**
   When corporate power dominates, average families struggle to get by. Make it easier for working people to form unions to secure fair wages, affordable healthcare, and safe workplaces. And ensure companies pay workers every penny they're owed, protect the rights of independent contractors and gig workers.

10. **Increase Social Security benefits so they actually cover rising costs.**
    Keep the program secure by requiring millionaires and billionaires to pay in on *all* their income, just like working people do. Retirement should mean security, not constant worry about food, housing and medicine.

11. **Stop corporate lobbyists and politicians from keeping wages artificially low.**
    Raise the minimum wage to at least $15 an hour, end the sub-minimum wage for tipped and farm workers, and tie it to inflation so big corporations cannot use their power to keep wages down.

12. **Ensure working people determine the AI future, not Mark Zuckerberg and Elon Musk**.
    Now comes AI. It has the potential to make the rich richer, shrink workers' power on the job, and invade our privacy. America can win the AI race, while enforcing sensible regulations that put working people first: ban robots from deciding your paycheck, hiring and firing you, or monitoring your work.

It is time to put America's working people first.