



TAKE ACTION – NOW!

Government goes to those who show up! The “other team” is busy growing government, promulgating regulations and policies that dig deeper into your pocketbook.

Conservatives need to weigh in!

Here are 8 ways you can make a difference to defend the American Dream:

1. **Know your elected officials** and contact them about the issues you care about. Have them sign the No Climate Tax Pledge (www.noclimatetax.com) and the Defending the American Dream Pledge.
 2. **Join organizations** that can keep you informed on issues you care about, like Americans for Prosperity (www.afptx.org) [and North Houston Tea Party Patriots!].
 3. **Attend meetings and events.** You are busy, but public policy decisions are often made based on who shows up.
 4. **End taxpayer-funded lobbying.** While you are hard at work making a living, taking care of your family and paying your taxes, your tax dollars should not be used to fund policies that allow government to dig deeper into your pockets!
 5. **Blog!** A growing number of media use bloggers as sources of information and to provide quotes. You can use Twitter, Facebook and other online tools to get your friends and family engaged, too.
 6. **Start a Citizen Watchdog group.** Citizen Watchdogs are leaders who are willing to follow their city, county and/or school district, and other elected officials, and hold them accountable to the voters. We know that when enough citizens get involved, elected officials pay attention!
 7. **Write letters to the editor** of your local newspaper (and if the newspaper or TV station has a blog, make comments).
 8. **Host a Next Step Training.** These free trainings give you the tools you need to start putting taxpayers back in control of government. Tea parties and rallies are the first step – it’s time for the Next Step: Grassroots Activism that makes a difference!
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