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### Texas Congressional Candidates Unite with Pledge to Fight Human Trafficking

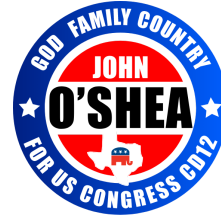
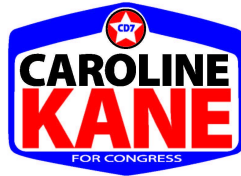
August 9th, 2023 - In a remarkable display of commitment to eradicating human trafficking, four congressional candidates have united in signing the "Congressional Pledge to Fight Human Trafficking." This groundbreaking initiative underscores the candidates' dedication to addressing the scourge of human trafficking by embracing three critical pillars.

The pledge, authored by congressional candidate for TX-25, Matthew Lucci, serves as a resounding call for accountability and action. Shocked by the revelation that over 100 current members of Congress accepted donations from Apollo Global Management (Apollo), a firm linked to financier Jeffrey Epstein, the original signers of this pledge are calling attention to the evils of human trafficking and calling out those who have taken money from parties with ties to human trafficking. Apollo's CEO, Leon Black, was indicted for his alleged involvement in the sexual abuse of women, including a woman with Down syndrome at Epstein's Manhattan residence in 2021.

The three pillars of the "Congressional Pledge to Fight Human Trafficking" are as follows:

- 1) **Rejecting Human Trafficking-Related Donations:** Signatories commit to not accepting any political donations from organizations or individuals connected to human trafficking, emphasizing the importance of untainted funding sources in shaping policy decisions.
- 2) **Demanding Transparency:** Signatories publicly call for the release of the Epstein client list, encouraging accountability and justice for survivors and their families.
- 3) **Championing Legislation:** Signatories vow to co-sponsor anti-trafficking legislation in Congress, demonstrating their commitment to using their legislative powers to enact change and prevent further exploitation.

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The four original signers of the pledge include Andrew Alvarez (TX-9), Caroline Kane (TX-7), Matthew Lucci (TX-25), and John O'Shea (TX-12). The fact that these signers are all from Texas underscores the role that open-border policies have played in enabling trafficking. It also highlights the leadership role that Texans have in ending trafficking. The revelations about Apollo's donations to members of Congress have exposed a deeply troubling connection between powerful entities and criminal behavior. The signers of the pledge are steadfast in their pursuit of justice and their determination to put an end to human trafficking in the United States.

“The signers of this pledge are committed to fighting human trafficking,” said Matthew Lucci, “we’re committing to unmask evil and push back against the traffickers that have bought the silence of our government.”

The announcement of this monumental pledge comes in the wake of the expose aired on the Matthew Lucci Show podcast, where a list of members of Congress who accepted Apollo donations was disclosed.

“Trafficking has long been a horrific problem in this country seldom discussed,” adds John O’Shea. “The problem has exploded in enormity given the current feckless administration’s effective opening of the country’s borders. The fact that our federal government is in effect partnering with the cartels leading to the rape and torture of women and children is a travesty and it must be halted.”

All congressional candidates are encouraged to sign the pledge and post on social Media with the hashtag #PledgeToFightTrafficking and email a copy of the signed pledge to [LucciForTexas@gmail.com](mailto:LucciForTexas@gmail.com)

A copy of the pledge can be found [here](#). For media inquiries or to schedule an interview, please contact:

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