

COMMITMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE

A PLEDGE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

You ask Americans to sacrifice. Will you lead by example?

DEFINE IT.

Put your numbers in the box.

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Commit in writing to live by it.

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PAGE 1: THE PLEDGE

By signing below, I voluntarily commit to applying to myself the economic principles I advocate for the American people.

1. PRIVATE PROPERTY

I will surrender all privately owned real estate (personal and business) for the purposes of redistribution to the public and to serve as the basis for establishing what every American should reasonably have, and I will disclose the disposition of those interests.

2. WEALTH LIMIT

I will publicly state the maximum amount of wealth one person should be allowed to have and forfeit any amount of my wealth and assets above that limit. No loopholes. No shell games. Exactly the same standard for everyone.

3. LIVE LIKE THE PEOPLE

I will move from wealthy enclaves into average American neighborhoods and personally experience the everyday costs of housing, utilities, groceries, transportation and daily life.

4. WORK

I will work part-time (minimum 8 hours per week) in regular manual labor or service jobs outside politics and earn like the people I represent.

5. HEALTHCARE

I will use the same healthcare system and have the same access as the system I advocate for every American. No special treatment.

6. TRANSPARENCY

I will annually disclose my assets, income, work, and compliance so the public can verify that I am living by this commitment.

7. NO SPECIAL CLASS

If sacrifice is necessary for the collective good, leadership begins with those asking others to make the sacrifice.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

If you won't live under the policies you advocate, issue a public apology and written statement explaining why you believe others should give to the collective while you do not have to and choose one of the following:

1. **RESIGN** - Step down from public office.

2. **RECONSIDER** - Stop advocating policies you won't follow.

3. **RELOCATE** - Move to a socialist/communist country of your choice, subject to that country's immigration laws.

SIGNER'S DECLARATION

I have read this Commitment to the Collective and Schedule A (Page 2). I understand these commitments are voluntary. I affirm that the economic principles I advocate for the American people are principles under which I am personally willing to live.

Name (Print): _____

Office / Position: _____

Maximum acceptable personal net worth: \$ _____

Annual ordinary-work commitment: _____ hours

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PAGE 2: SCHEDULE A - DEFINE YOUR FAIR SHARE

Provide specific numbers so Americans can understand exactly what you advocate.

1. WHO IS RICH?

"Rich" income starts at: \$ _____ / year Adjust for inflation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
"Wealthy" net worth starts at: \$ _____ Adjust for cost of living? ☐ Yes ☐ No
"Excessive wealth" starts at: \$ _____ If yes, method: _____

2. WHAT IS THEIR FAIR SHARE?

Maximum combined tax rate by annual household income:

\$50K	\$100K	\$250K	\$500K	\$1M	\$5M	\$10M	\$100M+
____%	____%	____%	____%	____%	____%	____%	____%

Includes federal, state and local income taxes, payroll taxes, and other taxes imposed directly on income.

3. TAXING WEALTH

Annual wealth tax rate: ____% Starts at: \$ _____
Tax unrealized gains? ☐ Yes ☐ No At what net worth? \$ _____
Include businesses? ☐ Yes ☐ No Primary residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No Retirement accounts? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Include trusts? ☐ Yes ☐ No Foundations controlled by you/family? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. HOW MUCH WEALTH IS ENOUGH?

Maximum individual net worth: \$ _____ Maximum household net worth: \$ _____
What percentage above that threshold will be collected? ____%
At what point does taxation become confiscatory or excessive? ____%

5. INHERITED WEALTH

Estate value at which additional taxation begins: \$ _____ Maximum tax rate: ____%
Maximum amount an American may leave to heirs: \$ _____
Apply these rules to your own estate? ☐ Yes ☐ No Exempt family businesses? ☐ Yes ☐ No Exempt family farms? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. APPLY IT TO YOURSELF

My current approximate household net worth: \$ _____
Amount considered excessive under my policy: \$ _____
Amount I would owe under my own policy today: \$ _____
Amount I voluntarily commit to surrender: \$ _____ My effective tax rate: ____%

7. WHERE SHOULD THE MONEY GO?

Primary uses (check up to 3): ☐ Healthcare ☐ Housing ☐ Food Assistance ☐ Education ☐ Debt Reduction ☐ Universal Basic Income ☐ Climate/Environment ☐ Other: _____
Measurable result expected: _____
Years to evaluate success: ____ Auto-expire if not met? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. THE RECIPROCITY TEST

Should my rules apply to me, my family, my businesses, trusts and every other American equally? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Myself ☐ Y ☐ N Spouse ☐ Y ☐ N Immediate family ☐ Y ☐ N Businesses I own ☐ Y ☐ N Trusts benefiting me ☐ Y ☐ N Investment entities ☐ Y ☐ N
Every other American in similar circumstances ☐ Yes ☐ No
If any answer is "No," explain why these rules should apply differently to me or my family:

SIGN AND TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Sign, date, and return this Commitment to the Collective. Make your numbers public. Let the people decide.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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