# THE RON PAUL FREEDOM PRINCIPLES

RIGHTS BELONG TO INDIVIDUALS, NOT GROUPS.

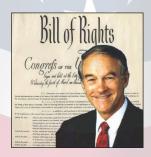
PROPERTY SHOULD BE OWNED BY PEOPLE, NOT GOVERNMENT.

ALL VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD BE PERMISSIBLE—ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL.

THE GOVERNMENT'S MONETARY ROLE IS TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE MONETARY UNIT, NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FRAUD.

GOVERNMENT EXISTS TO PROTECT LIBERTY, NOT TO REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH OR TO GRANT SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

THE LIVES AND ACTIONS OF PEOPLE ARE THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY, NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S.



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ABOUT RON Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas) is the leading advocate for freedom in our nation's capital. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dr. Paul tirelessly works for limited constitutional government, low taxes, free markets, and a return to sound monetary policies. He is known among his congressional colleagues and his constituents for his consistent voting record. Dr. Paul never votes for legislation unless the proposed measure is expressly authorized by the Constitution. In the words of former Treasury Secretary William Simon, Dr. Paul is the "one exception to the Gang of 535" on Capitol Hill.

Ron Paul was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gettysburg College and the Duke University School of Medicine, before proudly serving as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s. He and his wife Carol moved to Texas in 1968, where he began his medical practice in Brazoria County. As a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology, Dr. Paul has delivered more than 4,000 babies. He and Carol, who reside in Lake Jackson, Texas, are the proud parents of five children and have 17 grandchildren.

While serving in Congress during the late 1970s and early 1980s, Dr. Paul's limited-government ideals were not popular in Washington. In 1976, he was one of only four Republican congressmen to endorse Ronald Reagan for president.

During that time, Congressman Paul served on the House Banking committee, where he was a strong advocate for sound monetary policy and an outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve's inflationary measures. He was an unwavering advocate of pro-life and pro-family values. Dr. Paul consistently voted to lower or abolish federal taxes, spending and regulation, and used his House seat to actively promote the return of government to its proper constitutional levels. In 1984, he voluntarily relinquished his House seat and returned to his medical practice.

Dr. Paul returned to Congress in 1997 to represent the 14th congressional district of Texas. He presently serves on the House Committee on Financial Services and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He continues to advocate a dramatic reduction in the size of the federal government and a return to constitutional principles.

Congressman Paul's consistent voting record prompted one of his congressional colleagues to say, "Ron Paul personifies the Founding Fathers' ideal of the citizen-statesman. He makes it clear that his principles will never be compromised, and they never are." Another colleague observed, "There are few people in public life who, through thick and thin, rain or shine, stick to their principles. Ron Paul is one of those few."

## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CONGRESSMAN PAUL'S RECORD

He has never voted to raise taxes.

He has never voted for an unbalanced budget. He has never voted for a federal restriction on gun ownership.

He has never voted to raise congressional pay. He has never taken a government-paid junket. He has never voted to increase the power of the executive branch.

He voted against the Patriot Act. He voted against regulating the Internet. He voted against the Iraq war.

He does not participate in the lucrative congressional pension program.

He returns a portion of his annual congressional office budget to the U.S. treasury every year.

Congressman Paul introduces numerous pieces of substantive legislation each year, probably more than any single member of Congress.

### **ISSUES**

#### **DEBT AND TAXES**

Working Americans like lower taxes. So do I. Lower taxes benefit all of us, creating jobs and allowing us to make more decisions for ourselves about our lives.

#### AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY

So called free trade deals and world governmental organizations like the International Criminal Court (ICC), NAFTA, GATT, WTO, and CAFTA are a threat to our independence as a nation.

#### BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION

The talk must stop. We must secure our borders now. A nation without secure borders is no nation at all. It makes no sense to fight terrorists abroad when our own front door is left unlocked.

#### PRIVACY AND PERSONAL LIBERTY

The biggest threat to your privacy is the government. We must drastically limit the ability of government to collect and store data regarding citizens' personal matters.

#### WAR AND FOREIGN POLICY

The war in Iraq was sold to us with false information. The area is more dangerous now than when we entered it. We destroyed a regime hated by our direct enemies, the jihadists, and created thousands of new recruits for them.

#### PROPERTY RIGHTS AND EMINENT DOMAIN

We must stop special interests from violating property rights and literally driving families from their homes, farms and ranches.