

TED CRUZ

REPUBLICAN FOR U.S. SENATE

Proven Record

For too long, we have all been frustrated by politicians who promise one thing on Election Day, and then fail to stand up for those values once elected. You shall know them by their deeds, and the question we should ask of every candidate is:

"You say you believe in these principles. Show me. When have you fought for conservative principles and what have you accomplished?"



After over a decade in public service, Ted Cruz has a proven record, over and over again, of standing up for conservative values, fighting and winning on a national level:

FIGHTING FOR AMERICA'S FREE-MARKET ECONOMY



Ted has been on the forefront of preserving economic liberty and prosperity by working to reclaim the Constitution and defeat President Obama's agenda. As the head of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Tenth Amendment Studies, Ted took a leading national role in fighting for States' rights and against excessive federal regulation:

- Authored "[Reclaiming the Constitution: Toward an agenda for State Action](#)," which outlined a national strategy for States to fight excessive government regulation and preserve economic freedom;
- Pioneered a [leading proposal to defeat ObamaCare](#), restore state authority, and fight federal overreach through interstate compacts;
- Met with state legislators and conservative activists from across the nation to help map out a comprehensive strategy to rein in the federal government;
- [Sued the federal government](#), on behalf of Texas and four other States, to strike down portions of the Medicare Prescription Drug program as an unconstitutional intrusion in the sovereign authority of the States;
- Championed [the 10th Amendment](#), speaking and writing nationally on the virtues of federalism and why excessive regulation and federal government intrusion threaten to destroy America's free-market economy and the American Dream;
- As conservative stalwart Senator Mike Lee [observed](#), "Ted is one of our nation's leading defenders of the Tenth Amendment. He is a champion for limiting the power, size, and spending of the federal government."

DEFENDING U.S. SOVEREIGNTY



One of the cases with the broadest implications that Ted Cruz argued and won at the U.S. Supreme Court was in defense of U.S. sovereignty. Texas stood up against 90 nations to guarantee the right for Texas and the United States to carry out justice for a brutal murderer and rapist, without being subject to the laws of the World Court.

- Successfully represented Texas before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Medellin v. Texas*, which upheld U.S. sovereignty and held that the [World Court cannot bind the U.S.](#) justice system and the President cannot order the state courts to obey the World Court.

PRESERVING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Under the leadership of Attorney General Greg Abbott, Ted Cruz repeatedly defended the right to free speech and religious expression, including in a landmark decision protecting the Texas Ten Commandments monument. That U.S. Supreme Court victory set a vitally important precedent for the right to display similar monuments across the nation. In addition, Cruz led the way on several cases that preserved the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance and allows students to observe a moment of silence in schools. While Solicitor General, Texas had an unprecedented record defending religious freedom:

- Successfully defended the constitutionality of the [Texas Ten Commandments monument](#), winning in a 5-4 landmark decision before the U.S. Supreme Court, setting an important national precedent for the right to display similar monuments;
- Authored a U.S. Supreme Court brief for all fifty States [successfully defending the Pledge of Allegiance](#) and preserving the words "under God";
- Successfully defended the Texas schools' [moment of silence](#) law in federal district court;
- Successfully defended the [Texas Pledge of Allegiance](#) in federal district court, preserving the words “under God”;
- Authored a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief for several states in support of Joshua Davey in *Locke v. Davey*, supporting Joshua's [constitutional right not to be excluded from state scholarship funds simply because he chose to study theology from a devotional perspective](#);
- Argued before the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *Staley v. Harris County*, defending the constitutionality of a [Houston courthouse monument that contained a Bible](#) donated by the founder of the Star of Hope mission;
- Authored an amicus brief on behalf of six states in *Barnes-Wallace v. Boy Scouts of America*, [defending the Boy Scouts](#) and urging the U.S. Court of Appeals for Ninth Circuit to reverse a district court ruling barring them from leasing a public park.

DEFENDING LIFE



Ted Cruz has fought to protect innocent human life. He played a leading role in several important cases, including defense of the partial-birth abortion ban, parental consent laws, and prohibiting state funds from going to abortion. These cases have all been part of the

ongoing effort to ensure that every child in America receives the protection and respect he or she deserves.

- Authored an amicus brief for 13 states, successfully defending the federal [Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act](#). The ban was upheld 5-4 before the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Authored an amicus brief for 18 states, successfully defending the New Hampshire [parental notification law](#). The law was upheld 9-0 before the U.S. Supreme Court [note: this brief was awarded the Best Brief Award from the National Association of Attorneys General for U.S. Supreme Court briefs written in 2005-06];
- Successfully defended [Texas's Rider 8](#), which prohibits state funds for groups that provide abortions, winning unanimously before the Fifth Circuit court of appeals.

LEADING THE FIGHT FOR THE 2ND AMENDMENT



Ted Cruz has led the way in defense of our right to keep and bear arms. He led a coalition of 31 states protecting the 2nd Amendment by challenging the unconstitutional ban on gun rights in Washington, D.C.

- Authored a brief on behalf of 31 states supporting the [Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms](#). The ban on firearms was struck down in a 5-4 landmark decision before the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Argued against unreasonable and burdensome gun restrictions before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.
- [Awarded the NRA's 2010 Carter-Knight Freedom Fund](#), which "rewards exemplary activities in the support and protection of the right to Keep and Bear Arms."
- [Honored by a 2008 resolution](#) passed by the National Board of the NRA, thanking Ted for leading the States before the Supreme Court in the DC gun case, and noting that his "efforts made this victory for the American people possible."
- As NRA executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre observed, "Ted Cruz is one of our nation's leading defenders of the Second Amendment. For over a decade, Ted has fought tirelessly to defend our constitutional right to keep and bear arms, and his leadership was absolutely critical to our major victories before the U.S. Supreme Court."

SECURING OUR NATION'S BORDERS



Ted Cruz has worked to strengthen border security and help ensure that America remains a nation of laws. Among other efforts, he has worked on efforts to increase penalties for felons who enter the country illegally.

- Authored a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief on behalf of 10 states in *Lopez v. Gonzales*, urging the strictest enforcement of laws punishing those with [prior felony convictions who entered the country illegally](#).

SUPPORTING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE



Ted Cruz helped lead the fight against President Obama's Moratorium on Offshore Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

- Authored an amicus brief on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and a diverse coalition of 29 Gulf Coast chambers of commerce and industry groups in *Hornbeck Offshore Services v. Salazar*, in opposition to the Obama Interior Department's moratorium on offshore exploration in the Gulf of Mexico. One week later, the Fifth Circuit agreed, and ruled against the moratorium.

FIGHTING VOTER FRAUD



Voter fraud is a serious problem threatening the integrity of our democratic process. Ted Cruz has successfully defended laws requiring voters to show identification and other voter fraud prevention laws that are vital to preserve the integrity of our elections.

- Authored an amicus brief on behalf of 8 states in *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*, defending the Indiana [photo-ID law](#) and winning 6-3 before the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Defended a lawsuit brought by the Texas Democratic Party seeking to prevent the enforcement of the Texas voter fraud laws, and successfully won a unanimous reversal from the federal court of appeals of the district court's injunction against the continued enforcement of voter fraud laws;

DETECTING FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH



Ted Cruz defended the landmark lawsuit reform legislation implemented in Texas in 2003. He protected the constitutionality of that effort, which has led to greater access to health care and expanded economic opportunity.

- [Argued *Robinson v. Crown Cork & Seal Co.* before the Texas Supreme Court](#), the first case addressing the constitutionality of HB 4, the landmark Texas lawsuit reform legislation;
- As the head of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission, lead efforts for the FTC to intervene in defense of consumers in several class action lawsuits, with the FTC successfully opposing insignificant coupon settlements and excessive attorneys fees;
- As Domestic Policy Advisor to President George W. Bush on the 2000 Bush-Cheney campaign, responsible for developing the President's lawsuit reform proposals.

DEFENDING PROPERTY RIGHTS, PRESERVING ECONOMIC LIBERTY



As Solicitor General, Ted Cruz played an instrumental role in the fight against government infringement of private property rights. Whether eminent domain abuse or the proliferation of congressional mandates, Cruz has worked to ensure that Texans' property is secure.

- Authored a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief on behalf of seven states in *Rancho Viejo v. Norton*, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear a case and reverse a decision of the D.C.

Circuit upholding [congressional authority to halt commercial development of private property](#) because of the presence of a purely intra-state species of Arroyo toads.

FIERCELY PROTECTING AMERICA'S TROOPS



Ted Cruz has been a fierce advocate of the military, including their ability to recruit and grow their force, and their right to religious expression. Cruz has worked to ensure that members of the Armed Services have all the rights and abilities necessary to keep America free and secure.

- Successfully represented over 3 million veterans before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Salazar v. Buono*, defending the constitutionality of the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial, which was erected in 1934 to honor WWI veterans. Along with co-counsel Kelly Shackelford of the Liberty Institute, Cruz represented as amici The American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the American Ex-Prisoners of War. In April 2010, the Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 decision in favor of the veterans.
- Championed veterans in the [Wall Street Journal](#), explaining the vital issues at stake over preserving the Mojave Desert Veterans Memorial, and [formally petitioned President Obama](#) on behalf of 3 million veterans to restore the monument after it was destroyed.
- Authored a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief on behalf of 11 states in *FAIR v. Rumsfeld* successfully defending the constitutionality of the federal Solomon Amendment, which requires universities receiving federal funds to grant [U.S. military recruiters equal access to campuses](#), notwithstanding the universities' opposition to the military's policies concerning sexual orientation;
- Authored a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief on behalf of 12 states in *Bunting v. Mellen*, urging the Supreme Court to hear the case and reverse a decision of the Fourth Circuit striking down the [daily suppertime prayer](#) for cadets at Virginia Military Institute.

PROTECTING TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE



Ted Cruz has worked hard in defense of traditional marriage, including his intervention in a case protecting Texas marriage laws. In addition, he has fought on the federal level to defend marriage between one man and one woman as the fundamental building block of society.

- When a Beaumont state court granted a divorce to two homosexual men who had gotten a civil union in Vermont, Cruz, under the leadership of Attorney General Greg Abbott, intervened in defense of the marriage laws of the State of Texas, which successfully led to the court judgment being vacated;
- Worked with Attorney General Abbott to send a letter to Congress in support of the federal [Defense of Marriage Act](#).

FIGHTING BIGOTRY AND RACIAL HATRED



The Declaration of Independence states that “all men are created equal.” Ted Cruz has worked to ensure that groups that spout hatred and bigotry are not provided privileges that encourage their venomous beliefs.

- [Authored a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief on behalf of 10 states in *Rahn v. Robb*](#), urging the Supreme Court to grant certiorari and reverse a decision of the Eight Circuit allowing the Ku Klux Klan to participate in Kansas’s “Adopt-A-Highway” program.

COMBATING SEXUAL PREDATORS



As Solicitor General, Ted Cruz played an essential role in helping crack down on the growing scourge of sexual predators. He defended the primary state law at the Texas Supreme Court that ensures sexual predators will be fully monitored and brought to justice.

- Successfully defended the constitutionality of Texas [Sexually Violent Predator Civil Commitment](#) law before the Texas Supreme Court, allowing the state to fully monitor predators determined to threaten children;
- Argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of nine states in [Kennedy v. Louisiana](#), in support of capital punishment for the very worst child rapists.

DEFENDING CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING



Ted Cruz successfully defended the redistricting plan approved by our elected Legislature against legal challenges by the State Democratic Party.

- Successfully defended the 2003 Texas [congressional redistricting](#), winning before the state trial court, the federal trial court, and, 5-4, before the U.S. Supreme Court.