

When I first ran six years ago as your Representative for the Utah Legislature, I made a number of promises. Looking back on what I have done in the Legislature these past three terms, I am pleased to report that I have kept every one of the promises I made in the campaign. Here are the promises I made and how I have kept my commitments.

## Promises Made.

### FAMILY

The family is the fundamental unit of society and must be preserved. I pledged to work tirelessly to defend and preserve the sanctity of the family. The fundamental problems in society are symptoms of the deterioration of the family unit.

### SMALLER GOVERNMENT

I subscribe to the time tested principle set forth by Thomas Jefferson of never asking a larger group to do that which can be done by a smaller group. I pledged to work for a small government, closer to the people which is more responsive to the people, is more efficient and effective, and engenders more public participation. The family is the smallest and most effective form of government.

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Tax revenues are sacred funds and I consider their appropriations a sacred trust of the people. Utah is heavily taxed. I pledged to support tax decreases and to hold the line on spending, prioritizing those things of higher importance and eliminating spending which is no longer necessary. Some programs, no matter how well meaning, are simply not the proper role of government. I subscribe to the opinion of Ronald Reagan, 'Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets.' I believe the family can better use its resources.

## Promises Kept.

### FAMILY

- I have supported and sponsored legislation which combats pornography, a plague which pollutes the minds of children and adults alike. I sponsored HB 407 which creates a seal of approval for family-oriented websites.
- I was a co-sponsor of Utah's version of Jessica's Law.
- I serve on the Governor's Meth Task Force and have supported and run bills to rid our families of the blight of drug abuse
- I am to be a strong advocate of the constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman and I oppose any substitute to weaken this legislation.
- I support the right to bear arms in defense of the person and family.
- I voted for additional restrictions on abortion and hope for the day abortion is overturned in this nation.
- I support keeping the responsibilities of education to where it rightfully belongs - on the shoulders of parents and families. Significant increases in education funding over the past three years alone total \$1.2 billion in ongoing funds and are helping to meet Utah's growing education needs.
- I voted to strengthen parental choice and accountability in the rearing and education of children.

### SMALLER GOVERNMENT

- As Chair of the Commerce and Workforce Services Appropriations Subcommittee, I have worked to reduce fees on small business
- I have sponsored and supported bills to protect property rights without oppressive governmental interference.
- Serving on the Privatization Task Force, I have fought to check government monopolies and to privatize government services. I believe this reduces government spending and strengthens our business and economic base.
- I have consistently opposed programs which promote government interference in the private sector or expand government into programs which are not its proper role.
- I fought to reduce regulation on business as a member of the OPLR Commission.
- Serving on the Governor's Minimum Wage Task Force, I was the only legislative advocate fighting to allow private market forces to control our economy rather than micro-managing through an artificial minimum wage.
- I sponsored HB9 which creates transparency in healthcare by introducing market forces and allowing for choice.

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- I have fought to reduce excessive fees on services so they cover only the cost of the service, eliminating their use as an additional form of taxation.
- I have sponsored and supported legislation requiring more transparency in government and in taxation, allowing better access to information.
- During my tenure in the legislature, I have actively supported tax cuts on personal income and sales tax on food in order to return more money to families where it can be used most effectively.
- I have been honored by the Utah Taxpayers Association as a Taxpayer Advocate of the year each year I have been in office.
- I am Utah's representative for the Center Right Coalition and Americans for Tax Reform
- I have consistently fought to return money back to the family
- I have sponsored resolutions which have been sent to Congress encouraging tax reductions including inheritance tax and retirement savings accounts.
- I was instrumental in the legislature's reform of the tax structure, requiring auto-related sales tax to be appropriated for infrastructure. Funds are now spent based on need, not politics

I continue to rely on these three fundamental principles of good government which serve at a litmus for my review of all legislation.

**In reality, it is all about the family**