

Texas Attorney General – Reportedly Under FBI Investigation For Bribery – Challenges Biden Administration To Serve His Big Donors’ Interests

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January 21, 2020: One Day After President Biden Was Sworn Into Office, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Threatened To Sue The Biden Administration After It Issued Executive Orders Reforming Trump’s Immigration Policies And Its Department Of Homeland Security (DHS) Issued A Pause On Deportations. “Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton threatened on Thursday to sue the U.S. Department of Homeland Security after it announced a temporary pause on deportations. On Wednesday, DHS Acting Secretary David Pekoske issued a memo calling for an internal review of its policies concerning immigration enforcement. President Joe Biden signed executive orders on Wednesday reforming some immigration policies enacted by the administration of former President Donald Trump.” [Jeffrey Martin, “[Texas Attorney General Threatens to Sue Biden Administration Over Deportation Freeze](#),” *Newsweek*, 01/21/21]

- **Joe Biden Was Inaugurated The Previous Day, On January 20, 2021.** [[“A National Day of Unity,”](#) The White House, 01/20/21]

Paxton Called DHS’ Deportation Pause A “Complete Abdication” Of Its Duty To Enforce Immigration Law And Claimed It Would “Irreparably Harm” The State Of Texas. “Paxton called the DHS's decision illegal in a Thursday letter to Pekoske. ‘This complete abdication of the Department of Homeland Security's (‘DHS’) obligation to enforce federal immigration law is unlawful and will seriously and irreparably harm the State of Texas and its citizens,’ Paxton wrote.” [Jeffrey Martin, “[Texas Attorney General Threatens to Sue Biden Administration Over Deportation Freeze](#),” *Newsweek*, 01/21/21]

Ken Paxton Has Taken At Least \$40,000 From Donors That Would Financially Benefit From More Deportations Or That Strongly Support Harsh Immigration Laws—One Even Wrote That “Third-World Immigration” Posed “An Existential Economic Crisis” To The U.S.

Ken Paxton Has Taken \$15,000 From Private Prison Corporation GEO Group, Which Depends On Contracts From U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) And Saw Its Stock Fall “Dramatically” When Biden Won The Election.

Ken Paxton Took \$10,000 From GEO Group In The 2018 Election Cycle. [[Vendor/Recipient: Ken Paxton for Attorney General, 2018](#), OpenSecrets, accessed 01/22/21]

Ken Paxton Took \$5,000 From GEO Group In The 2014 Election Cycle. [[Vendor/Recipient: Ken Paxton for Attorney General, 2014](#), OpenSecrets, accessed 01/22/21]

GEO Group “Works Closely With Governments” To Provide Facilities For Immigration Enforcement And The Criminal Justice System. “Governments often partner with the private sector to deliver better solutions to the public. Among the many public-private partnerships are secure facilities like prisons and other specialized centers to support the criminal justice system and immigration. One company that works closely with governments to operate those facilities is GEO Group (NYSE: GEO).” [Matthew DiLallo, [“GEO Group: What You Need to Know,”](#) 01/20/21]

The Biggest Customer Of GEO Group’s Owned And Leased Assets Is U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Which Provides 21.7% Of GEO Group’s Revenue In This Part Of Its Operations. “The five largest customers of its owned and leased assets:

1. U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE): 19.3% of its beds and 21.7% of its revenue
2. Federal Bureau of Prisons: 16.9% of its beds and 13.9% of its revenue
3. U.S. Marshals Service: 11.4% of its beds and 11.2% of its revenue
4. State of Oklahoma: 3.2% of its beds and 1.7% of its revenue
5. State of New Mexico: 2.2% of its beds and 1.7% of its revenue”

[Matthew DiLallo, [“GEO Group: What You Need to Know,”](#) 01/20/21]

GEO Group’s Stock Prices “Fell Dramatically” When Biden Won The 2020 Presidential Election, Due To The Likelihood His Administration Would Reduce Immigrant Detention. “The campaign of President-elect Joe Biden promised to end for-profit detention centers. And David Fathi, director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s National Prison Project, said things could change quickly once Biden takes office. ‘The administration could make various policy changes that would simply reduce the number of detained immigrants, thereby reducing demand,’ he said. The stock prices of two of the country’s largest prison companies, Geo Group and CoreCivic, fell dramatically when it became clear that Biden had won the presidency.” [Andy Uhler, [“Biden’s immigration policy could affect the private prison industry,”](#) *Marketplace*, 01/12/21]

December 10, 2020: Ken Paxton Took \$25,000 From Financier James Dondero, Who Appears To Have Written An Article Claiming That “Third-World Immigration” Poses “An Existential Economic Crisis” To The U.S.

James Dondero, President Of Highland Capital Management, Gave \$25,000 To Ken Paxton On December 10, 2020. [[Kenneth Paxton Campaign Finance Report](#), Texas Ethics Commission, 01/15/21]

Date 12/10/2020	Full name of contributor <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-state PAC (ID#: _____) Dondero, James	Amount of Contribution (\$) \$25,000.00
Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Dallas, TX 75201		
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President		Employer (See Instructions) Highland Capital Management

[[Kenneth Paxton Campaign Finance Report](#), Texas Ethics Commission, 01/15/21]

James Dondero Appears To Have Written A March 2017 Article Titled “What Are The Financial Implications Of U.S. Immigration?” “About James Dondero [...] James Dondero is the founder of Highland Capital Management.” [[“What are the financial implications of U.S. immigration?,”](#) *Bizz Beginnings*, 03/21/17]

The Article Discusses “The Consequences Of Non-Assimilation,” Claiming That Somalian Refugees “Are Almost Entirely Dependent On Government Subsidies” And Don’t Benefit The Economy. “The consequences of non-assimilation [...] There has recently been much uproar over the admission of many refugees to the United States from places such as Somalia. In the case of Somalia, the country has a per capita GDP of just \$400 per year. [...] People who create societies with per capita GDPs of \$400 and who refuse to assimilate won’t be purchasing anything, nor will they be working in the advanced economy or becoming net taxpayers. We can see this with the existing U.S. Somali population, who are almost entirely

dependent on government subsidies.” [[“What are the financial implications of U.S. immigration?”](#), *Bizz Beginnings*, 03/21/17]

The Article Claimed “That Within Three Generations, The Country Would Be Almost One Third Somali” Due To Fertility Rates. “While a country the size of the United States can likely absorb a few tens of thousands of unassimilating Somalis without major disruptions, it becomes more problematic the larger the numbers get, especially considering the fertility rates. In fact, Somalia has the second highest fertility rate in the world, 6.5 children per woman. That means that if 1,000,000 Somalis were imported into the country, while maintaining that fertility rate, within one generation there would be 3,200,000. Within three generations, the country would be almost one third Somali.” [[“What are the financial implications of U.S. immigration?”](#), *Bizz Beginnings*, 03/21/17]

The Article Claimed That Beyond Somali Immigration, “All Third-World Immigration” Had The “Same Basic Trends” And Threatened “An Existential Economic Crisis” To The Economy. “While the case of Somalis may be an extreme example, we see the same basic trends with all third-world immigration. The problem is that, played out to its end, the entire consumer economy collapses because there are no more consumers. Whether that happens before or after the government either collapses or initiates hyperinflation to cover all the subsidies is an open question. These are issues that, no matter how uncomfortable, must be addressed before they morph into an existential economic crisis.” [[“What are the financial implications of U.S. immigration?”](#), *Bizz Beginnings*, 03/21/17]

Paxton Has Been Endorsed And Supported By Patriot Voices PAC, Which Argued He Would Fight The Former Obama Administration’s “Assault Against The States” And Condemned Its Amnesty For “Illegal” Immigrants—Additionally, Paxton’s Senior Campaign Advisor Went On To Become The PAC’s Political Director.

2013: Patriot Voices PAC And Its Chairman Rick Santorum Endorsed Then-State Senator Ken Paxton’s Run For Attorney General, Arguing He Would Fight The Obama Administration’s “Assault Against The Rights Of States.” “Former Republican Presidential Candidate and Patriot Voices Chairman Rick Santorum announced today the endorsement of State Senator Ken Paxton for Texas Attorney General. Rick Santorum offered the following statement about the endorsement. ‘I am pleased that Patriot Voices PAC is making this endorsement today. Ken Paxton has already shown he has what it takes to fight for the rights in our Constitution as Attorney General to make a difference for Texas and for our country. We need a proven fighter, like Ken Paxton, who will hold President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder accountable for their assault against the rights of states.’ [Gil Rodriguez, [“Rick Santorum and Patriot Voices PAC Endorse Ken Paxton for Texas Attorney General,”](#) *Texas Insider*, 08/20/13]

Ken Paxton’s Former Senior Campaign Advisor Jessica Colón Became Patriot Voices PAC’s Political Director. “As Political Director for Patriot Voices PAC, Jessica Colón oversees political activity and candidate endorsements for Senator Santorum and the PAC. Through her efforts, Patriot Voices PAC endorsed in 34 races in 2014 and implemented Strikeforce turnout operations in the 2012, 2013 and 2014 election cycles. [...] Colón was a senior advisor to Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton’s campaign for that office in 2014.” [[Press Release](#), Patriot Voices, accessed 01/22/21]

Patriot Voices PAC Condemned An Obama Executive Action Providing Amnesty To Millions Of What It Called “Illegal” Immigrants. “Former presidential candidate, former U.S. Senator, and Chairman of Patriot Voices issued the following statement in response to President Obama’s executive action to provide amnesty to 5 million illegal immigrants. [...] Today’s executive order is a slap in the face of the democratic process and every voter who came out in this past November’s election.’ ‘We need an immigration policy that first and foremost stands for the best interest of America and the American worker. President Obama’s executive order providing amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants is the antithesis of this goal.’ [[Press Release](#), Patriot Voices, accessed 01/22/21]

Ken Paxton Is Reportedly Under FBI Investigation After His Staff Accused Him Of Using His Official Power To Help A Campaign Donor With Personal Legal Issues.

The FBI Is Reportedly Investigating Allegations Made By Ken Paxton's Own Staff That Accused Him Of Violating Laws Against Bribery And Improper Influence By Intervening In Legal Matters On Behalf Of A Campaign Donor.

In October 2020, Ken Paxton Was Accused By Senior Staff In His Office Of Violating Federal And/Or State Prohibitions On “Improper Influence, Abuse Of Office” And “Bribery.” “Senior officials in the Texas attorney general's office have asked federal law enforcement to "investigate allegations of improper influence, abuse of office, bribery and other potential crimes" by their boss, the Austin-American Statesman and KVUE-TV first reported Saturday.” [[Texas Tribune](#), 10/03/20]

- **“We have a good faith belief that the attorney general is violating federal and/or state law including prohibitions related to improper influence, abuse of office, bribery and other potential criminal offenses,’ seven agency leaders wrote in a one-page letter obtained by the Statesman.”** [[Texas Tribune](#), 10/03/20]

The FBI Is Reportedly Investigating Ken Paxton's Relationship With A Major Campaign Donor. “Two unnamed sources told the AP that the bureau was examining claims made by the whistleblowers that Paxton broke the law by intervening several times in legal matters involving Nate Paul, a real estate investor and friend who donated \$25,000 to Paxton's campaign in 2018.” [[Texas Tribune](#), 11/17/20]

- **Paxton has Been Accused Of Intervening In Legal Matters On Behalf Of The Donor.** “The whistleblowers allege Paxton tried to help Paul on a pair of open-records disputes, urging state employees to release documents that should have been confidential, and that Paxton rushed a legal opinion on foreclosure sales during the coronavirus pandemic, which helped Paul avoid such sales on several of his properties. The attorney general's office — at Paxton's direction, the whistleblowers say — also took the highly unusual step of intervening in a lawsuit between Paul and an Austin-area charity.” [[Texas Tribune](#), 11/17/20]