

Lobbyist money pours into TX-07 Democratic Primary against Pervez Agwan

Agwan challenges foreign lobbyist funding in TX-07 Primary, opposing DMFI's support for Fletcher and advocating for transparency in campaign financing

HOUSTON, TX, UNITED STATES, January 13, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 2024 Democratic primary in Texas' 7th Congressional District is emerging as a significant arena for both foreign policy and campaign finance ethics. The spotlight is on Pervez Agwan, the progressive challenger, who is vocally opposing the considerable influx of foreign lobbyist funding supporting incumbent Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher. Agwan is highlighting the involvement of groups like the Democratic Majority for Israel (DMFI) and the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in a Texas Congressional race.



United for Change: Team Agwan Stands Against Lobbyist Influence in TX-07 Race

Key Points Highlighting Agwan's Stance:

- Opposition to DMFI's Influence: Agwan has specifically called out DMFI for endorsing Fletcher, criticizing the group for promoting agendas that misalign with the electorate's interests.

In response to [questions from TX Progressives](#), Pervez Agwan noted the recent endorsement by the Democratic Majority for Israel (DMFI) of Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher for the upcoming 2024 election cycle. He expressed concerns about the influence of undisclosed financial contributions on election outcomes and underscored the need for transparency in campaign finance.

- Advocacy for Transparent Funding: Emphasizing the need for transparency, Agwan is advocating for the cessation of 'dark money' in elections, referring to funds donated to political campaigns where the donor is not disclosed. This is often the case with PACs such as DMFI and AIPAC.



DMFI and AIPAC back Fletcher for this 2024 primary. We are not scared of and we will not back down against foreign lobby money pouring into this race to help Fletcher. We are prepared to fight back."

Pervez Agwan

- Challenge to U.S.-Israel Relations: [Agwan expressed to SEMAFOR](#) his concerns about the current U.S.-Israel alliance, deeming it a potential threat to U.S. national security interests.

The endorsement of Fletcher by DMFI has led to a critical examination of her alignment with the district's voters. National polling data indicate a Democratic shift towards candidates who advocate foreign policies focused on the general populace rather than special interests. This trend is evident despite DMFI's opposition, with a notable majority of Democrats supporting progressive foreign policy

stances such as a Ceasefire in Gaza. Congresswoman Fletcher's decision to accept an endorsement from Democratic Majority for Israel (DMFI) may backfire by showing that she is out of touch with the electorate in Texas' 7th district which was recently re-drawn to be a majority-minority district.

The poll conducted by [Data for Progress](#) reveals that a significant majority of likely voters, with 76% of Democrats, 57% of Independents, and 49% of Republicans, endorse the U.S. initiative for a permanent ceasefire and a reduction of hostilities in Gaza.

Agwan's unflinching criticism of the Israel lobby and his views on U.S.-Israel relations marks a significant departure from traditional party lines. As the primary season intensifies, the TX-07 election is shaping up to be a critical barometer for the future direction of the Democratic Party. With candidates like Agwan challenging the established order, the race is set to be a key indicator of the party's trajectory in the coming years.

Agwan's Broader Policy Platform:

Beyond his focus on campaign finance reform, Agwan is also advocating for several key issues. His platform includes Universal Medicare for All, promoting a healthcare system focused on people over profit; Green New Houston, envisioning sustainable urban development; addressing the housing crisis with an emphasis on housing as a human right; advocating for reproductive freedom and a woman's right to choose; and pushing for common-sense gun policy aimed at reducing gun violence.

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