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Socialist Lobby Funds Sen. ‘Kommie’ Burton

Senator Burton, Say it Isn’t so!

The tea-party senator who *appears* to lead the fight against creeping socialism in the Texas Legislature has herself been secretly funded by socialist lobbyists—including at least one agent of the Marxist government of Venezuela.

Sen. Konni Burton [announced](#) last week that her office will not meet with lobbyists who are paid tax money to lobby for governmental entities. Burton’s accompanying statement noted that, “Many taxpayers don’t even realize their own money is being used to pay lobbyists.”

Indeed, the crafty commies have duped not just the taxpayers—but their elected representatives. Recalling Ronald Reagan’s trust-but-verify approach to Soviet arms controls, *Lobby Watch* checked to ensure that socialist shysters had not infiltrated Burton’s campaign.

There hiding in plain view on Burton’s own campaign finance reports were no fewer than 18 lobby interests that, by their own confessions, received up to \$3.3 million during the 2013 legislative session to lobby for 76 different public-sector clients! This sleeper-cell of socialist lob-

byists gave \$25,550 of Bolshevik money to the Konni Burton campaign.

Burton’s paymasters lobby for such infamous Comintern members as the lesbian-ruled City of Houston, the Brownsville *Public* Utilities Board and, naturally, the People’s Republic of Austin. Led by the North Texas Municipal Water District, their clients even include socialist water suppliers that are in a position to adulterate the “precious bodily fluids” of millions of Texans.

Yet this is nothing compared to the \$500 that Burton took from Locke Lord, LLP, which lobbied for the Marxist government of Venezuela. During the 2013 session, Citgo Petroleum Corp. paid Locke Lord lobbyist Robert Miller up to \$25,000. Nowhere does Comrade Miller disclose that Citgo’s true owner is Venezuela’s *national* oil company: [Petróleos de Venezuela](#).

Researchers could not immediately confirm Robert Miller’s relationship to Marilyn-Monroe-consort Arthur Miller, the thespian who refused to hand over fellow commies to the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1956.

Learning from history, *Lobby Watch* is publishing a list of the public-sector lobbyists that bankroll Burton’s campaign. Topping the list of the “Burton 18” is Ron Lewis, a publicly funded mole who served as a member of the Texas House for 17 blood-chilling years.

TPJ today calls on Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick to appoint a special Senate Committee on Un-American Activities to ferret out every

state official secretly financed by agents of socialism.

In the greatest threat facing the Republic since Generalissimo Santa Ana, public-sector agents have successfully infiltrated the public sector. Texas can purge this Communist cancer if it uses enhanced interrogation to persuade the “Burton 18” to finger their fellow travelers. Softness is socialism’s enabler.



Locke Lord’s Robert Miller



Venezuelan leaders Chavez and Maduro



Follow the Money: Venezuela hires lobby firm Locke Lord, which bankrolls Burton’s campaign.



Komrade Konni Burton

The Burton 18: Public-Sector Lobbyists Bankrolling “Kommie” Burton

Public-Sector Lobby Interest Bankrolling ‘Kommie’ Burton	Max. Value of Socialist Lobby Contracts	No. of Socialist Contracts	Amount Given to Burton
Ron Lewis & Associates	\$550,000	6	\$500
Joe A Garcia (Garcia Group)	\$350,000	3	\$500
Randall H. Erben (Erben & Yarbrough)	\$300,000	3	\$500
Robert/Gordon Johnson	\$250,000	2	\$5,000
Locke Lord LLP	\$250,000	6	\$500
TX Lobby Group (w/ Lara L. Keel)	\$250,000	3	\$2,050
Luis Saenz	\$240,000	8	\$500
Coats Rose Yale Ryman & Lee	\$225,000	7	\$500
Focused Advocacy LLC	\$200,000	20	\$1,000
HillCo PAC (w/ Marsha Jones & Jay Howard)	\$180,000	18	\$5,500
Andrea/Dean McWilliams	\$150,000	2	\$1,000
Greenberg Traurig LLP	\$100,000	2	\$2,000
Blackridge Consulting LLP	\$130,000	8	\$1,000
Roland Leal (Roland Leal Consulting)	\$100,000	1	\$500
Graydon Group LLC	\$25,000	1	\$1,000
Winstead	\$10,000	1	\$2,000
Delisi Communications	\$10,000	1	\$1,000
McGuire Woods	\$0	6	\$500
TOTALS	\$3,320,000	98	\$25,550

Top Clients Paying Tax Dollars To Socialist Lobbyists Who Bankroll “Kommie” Burton

Public-Sector Lobby Client Whose Agents Bankroll Burton	Max. Value of 2013 Contracts With Burton Funders	Top Burton Lobby Interest
City of Houston	\$250,000	Robert/Gordon Johnson
Brownsville Public Utilities Board	\$160,000	Joe A. Garcia
City of Laredo	\$150,000	Andrea/Dean McWilliams
City of Irving	\$135,000	Luis Saenz
City of Austin	\$110,000	Randall H. Erben
City Public Service of San Antonio	\$110,000	Roland Leal
Port of Corpus Christi	\$110,000	Randall H. Erben
Bexar County Hospital District	\$100,000	Joe A. Garcia
City of McAllen	\$100,000	Joe A. Garcia
Harris Co. Commissioners Court	\$100,000	TX Lobby Group
Hidalgo Co. Water Improvement Dist. 3	\$100,000	Ron Lewis & Associates
Lower Neches Valley Authority	\$100,000	Ron Lewis & Associates
North Texas Municipal Water District	\$100,000	Ron Lewis & Associates
Sabine River Authority	\$100,000	Ron Lewis & Associates
TX Municipal Retirement System	\$100,000	Ron Lewis & Associates
Webb County	\$100,000	Robert/Gordon Johnson
Lower Colorado River Authority	\$75,000	Ron Lewis & Associates
Houston Police Officers' Pension System	\$60,000	Robert D. Miller
City of Balch Springs	\$50,000	Coats Rose Yale Ryman
City of Cotulla	\$50,000	Andrea/Dean McWilliams
City of Waco	\$50,000	Blackridge Consulting
Comal Co. Water Improvement Dist.	\$50,000	Coats Rose Yale Ryman
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System	\$50,000	Robert D. Miller
Harris Co.	\$50,000	Greenberg Traurig
Hidalgo Co. Regional Mobility Authority	\$50,000	Luis Saenz
Hou. Firefighters' Relief & Retire. Fund	\$50,000	Robert D. Miller
Hou. Mun'l Employees Pension System	\$50,000	Robert D. Miller
Metro. Transit Authority of Harris Co.	\$50,000	TX Lobby Group
Montgomery Co. Municipal Utility Dist.	\$50,000	Coats Rose Yale Ryman
Port of Houston Authority	\$50,000	Greenberg Traurig
TX General Land Office	\$50,000	Coats Rose Yale Ryman
CITGO (Venezuela's Marxist regime)	\$25,000	Locke Lord
City of Grand Prairie	\$25,000	Focused Advocacy
City of San Antonio	\$25,000	Luis Saenz
Dallas Area Rapid Transit	\$25,000	Graydon Group
Fort Bend Co. Municipal Utility District	\$25,000	Coats Rose Yale Ryman
Houston Community College System	\$25,000	Robert D. Miller
North TX Tollway Authority	\$25,000	Blackridge Consulting