

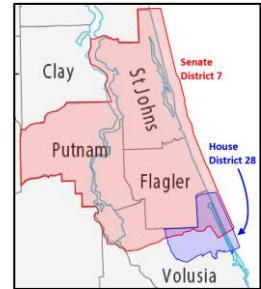


## A Citizen Review of the Performance Record of Representative Tom Leek

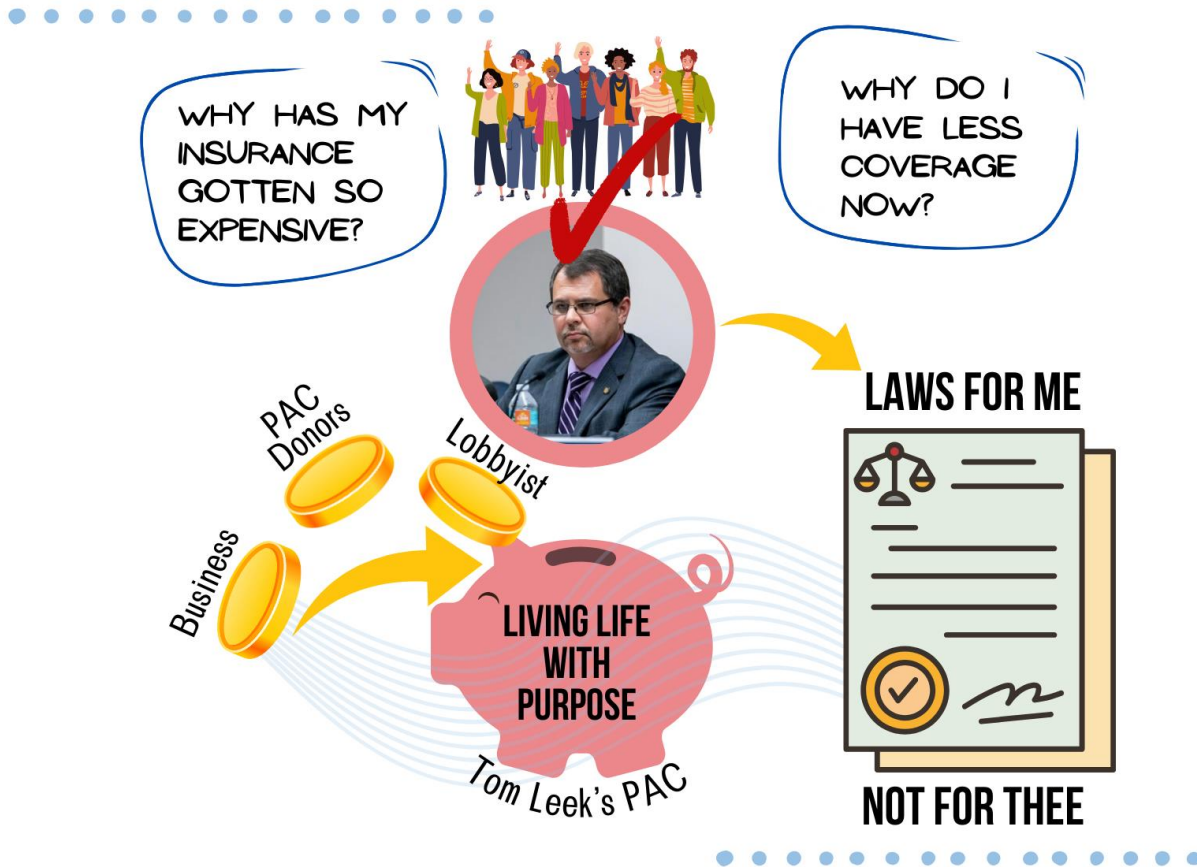
*“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead*



Representative Tom Leek is currently representing House District 28 consisting of the northern part of Volusia County. Because he has reached the limit of terms in the House, he has announced he is running for Senate District 7, consisting of the counties of St. Johns, Putman, Flagler and northern part of Volusia.



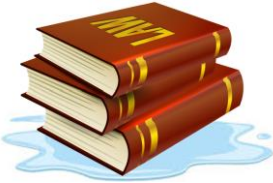
It's time for us to come together and **make our voices heard!** Our community is facing critical issues that are affecting your lives and your future. We have all witnessed the cycle of politicians seeking our votes during campaigns, making grand promises. However, once they're in office, they often prioritize the interests of key donors, lobbyists, and political party bosses over the needs of everyday citizens. We must no longer accept this status quo! We have the power to demand change - **Our Voices Matter!**



Get involved, attend town hall meetings, engage in open dialogues with our elected officials and, most importantly **vote in the August Primary Election.** Together, we can make a difference in our community and ensure that our voices are heard. Remember, real change starts at the grassroots level, and it starts with us, you and me. Let's take back the power that rightfully belongs to the citizens of our legislative district and build a brighter future for all.

## Leek Laws - Insurance

- Homeowners insurance rates have skyrocketed. In 2020, Florida's average insurance premium was \$2,165. Three years later, it is now at approximately \$4,200 or more.
- Insurance companies are fleeing Florida, while those that stay are choosing not to renew or are tightening their eligibility criteria.
- Florida is besieged by insurance fraud: we represent a mere 9% of US home insurance claims but a staggering 79% of the lawsuits.

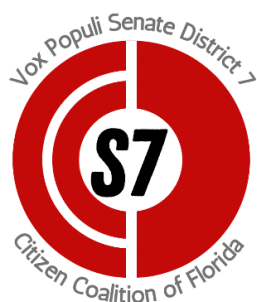


- Insurance companies routinely deny and delay your damage claims to mitigate their losses.
- Our legislators, led by Rep Tom Leek, in concert with claims lawyers and insurance lobbyists, have created an unfortunate insurance situation in Florida.

- In addition to being a House Representative, Tom Leek serves as the Chief Legal Officer for Foundation Risk Partners, a national insurance brokerage representing over 30 agencies.
- Bills such as Senate Bill 76, House Bill 837 were passed by the Appropriations Committee where Rep Tom Leek has been a committee member since 2018 and Chair since 2022.
- Leek Laws provide incentives for insurance carriers and reduce your rights allowing them to underpay claims and manipulate the legal system. Even after winning your case, Leek Laws compel you to pay your own legal fees.
- There are no measures within Leek Laws to protect policyholders from the unfair claim practices used by insurance carriers. Leek Laws overwhelmingly serve the interests of insurance carriers.

## Leek Laws - Utilities and Healthcare

- Since 2021, some people's electric bill rates have increased by 35%. In 2022, Representative Tom Leek voted to change the net metering structure, enabling monopoly power companies like FPL to charge higher prices.
- 84% of Florida's voters support net metering however Rep Tom Leek supported HB 741 aimed to end the buyback mandate at the retail rate for "banked" energy from homes that installed solar panels. Fortunately, Governor DeSantis vetoed this very unpopular bill, and it did not pass.
- Many times, since Covid-19, hospitals and healthcare institutions were more concerned about their profitability than the health of Floridians.
- In 2022, Tom Leek voted for SB 7014 extending the legal immunity of healthcare providers offering COVID-19 treatments, even when negligence leads to severe harm.



Citizen Coalition of Florida (CCOF) is a group of engaged citizens committed to monitoring the performance of our publicly elected officials. We can no longer stand idly by when public servants fail to act in the best interests of our county, state, and country. They must be held accountable.



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Discover how everyday citizens are challenging the status quo and taking a stand against the influence of special interests and big money in politics. This is a story of hope, unity, and the incredible power of grassroots movements.

## Cloudy Leek Blocks Sunshine Laws

- Rep Tom Leek voted to cloud Florida's "Sunshine Laws", which are a series of laws and regulations designed to promote transparency and openness in government operations.
- Rep Tom Leek voted for Senate Bill 1616 shielding travel records of Governor DeSantis and other state leaders creating a public records exemption for information.
- The bill also hides the activities of the Senate President and the House Speaker from public scrutiny as well setting a bad and dangerous precedent.
- Rep Tom Leek voted for House Bill 5001 that was \$13 Billion more than Governor DeSantis' proposed budget. It was full of handouts, including two private jets for legislative leadership at a cost of \$31 million. What else has been hidden in bills or rushed through in process?



## Mickey Mouse Funny Money

- Rep Tom Leek's Political Action Committee, "Living Life with Purpose", is a way around the direct donation amount of \$1,000 per individual per Florida Legislature.
- Living Life with Purpose PAC has received approximately \$4.2 million dollars since 2017. From a single little house in Tallahassee more than \$700,000 of contributions were made to Living Life with Purpose.
- The insurance industry contributed at least \$485,000. Other significant industry contributors were healthcare, real estate developers, and utility companies.
- In addition to the PAC money, over the same 2017-2023 period, Leek received approximately \$1.3M in campaign contributions, amassing an approximately total of \$5.5 Million dollars.



## Banana Republic tactics

- Leek surrogates asked Alex Newman not to challenge Rep Leek and wait until he termed out of the House. After Alex Newman decided to run against Rep Tom Leek, the full force of the establishment came against him and other local leaders who supported his candidacy.
- This full force manifested in media hit pieces, hate mail, an underground campaign, and defamatory postcards.
- It is estimated that \$250,000 was used to target two leaders, who were not even running for office but supporting Alex Newman.
- Rep Tom Leek routinely avoids engagement with his own Volusia constituents.

