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Growing Cohort of Lawmakers Refuse To Take Money from Palantir

(Nationwide, US)-- Taking money from Palantir now makes you a political pariah. In early February, the Purge Palantir campaign launched a "[Palantir Payroll Tracker](#)" documenting the politicians who've received funds from Palantir executives. The collective called on lawmakers and candidates running for office to [pledge](#) not to accept money from Palantir. Here's the progress so far:

- **Rep Jason Crow**, Member of Congress in D-CO-06, donated \$59,700 of campaign contributions and took the pledge - ([Colorado Sun](#))
- **Senator John Hickenlooper**, Colorado, donated \$51,504 of campaign contributions and took the pledge- ([Colorado Sun](#))
- **Congressman Pat Ryan, NY-18**, has publicly committed to "refuse contributions from executives at ICE contractors" and vowed to donate prior donations (\$92,000) to local nonprofits serving immigrants ([Times Union](#))
- **Jason Poulos**, running in Congressional District MA-4 [took the pledge on February 7](#)
- **Mike Sacks**, running in Congressional District NY-17, [took the pledge on February 9](#)
 - "If elected I'll fight to make sure they stop taking our money too"
- **Julie Gonzales**, running for U.S. Senate. Current state Senator for District 34, signed the pledge
- John Padora, running for Congress in District CO-4, took the pledge
- Folks who signed are now [using their pledge to pressure opponents](#) to do the same

Beyond the Palantir Payroll tracker:

- **James Fishbacker**, a Republican, running for Governor of Florida, committed to [banning Palantir in Florida if elected](#).
- **U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi** (D-IL), following pressure from organizers in Chicago, [vowed to return \\$29,300 of donations from a Palantir exec to a migrant organization](#).
- **Graham Platner**, who's running for Senator in Maine, [vowed to abolish Palantir](#) if elected.
- International pressure is also mounting against Palantir. [Switzerland cut their Palantir contract entirely](#), and the [UK is experiencing a serious push](#) to cancel contracts.

This matters because over 40% of Palantir's revenue comes from US government contracts. If Palantir was to be rejected by a growing chorus of public officials it could lay the groundwork to hold them accountable and shrink their influence in our federal government.

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As we experience increased violence from immigration agents in our streets, this tool helps people understand the two-way flow of money: Palantir is receiving billions of dollars in government contracts, and also seeking to influence the elected officials who should have oversight into their contracts through massive donations. At the same time, the government is cutting safety net programs leaving vulnerable families without vital care. We the people have the power to stop these donations and contracts!" **said Theo Oshiro, co- Executive Director of Make the Road States**

"Palantir receives billions of dollars of federal contracts, but its leaders have also been donating to politicians and policymakers. We are going to keep watching our Congress members to see what they do next." **said Jacinta Gonzalez, Head of Programs at MediaJustice**

"The violence of Palantir technology is not limited just to immigration. We've seen credible reports of security risks to classified information. We know that this company is building a national database that collects and shares personal information across government agencies, including the IRS, and law enforcement, turning every U.S. resident into a potential surveillance target." **said Cathy Carrillo, National Organizer at Mijente**

[Explore the tracker and its accompanying research here](#) or visit purgepalantir.com.

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About Purge Palantir

Palantir's tech increasingly lies at the heart of the US government systems that enable mass surveillance and militarization at home and abroad. Founder Peter Thiel and CEO Alex Karp are tech oligarchs who we need to take on in order to reclaim democracy and fight authoritarianism and algorithmic governance.

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