

Liberal Votes by Collin Duel

According to the *2024 Oklahoma Republican Platform Scorecard*, our state representative, Collin Duel, voted in line with Republican principles just 34% of the time. While he campaigns as a conservative, his voting record tells a different story—one that consistently betrays the values he claims to stand for.

The following are just fifteen examples where Duel abandoned our values—the very principles he promises to uphold when asking for our vote.

If you agree that these votes are a betrayal of conservative ideals, then vote for Karmin Grider. She will cast conservative votes—the exact opposite of many of Duel's, including the examples below.

Duel Was the Deciding Vote to Approve Midnight Voting (*HRC1002-25*)

In an abdication of long-standing tradition, Duel voted to suspend the rules and allow the House to meet and vote after midnight. It is believed to be the first time this has occurred in at least 20 years—and the first time Republican representatives have suspended this important rule. The measure passed by just one vote. Because of Duel's vote, the House was conducting business while, we the people, slept, taking important votes that affect all of us, until nearly 2 a.m. As the saying goes, nothing good happens after midnight.

Duel Voted to Protect Liberal Bar Association's Power Over Our Judicial Nominations (*SJR34-24*)

An archaic Oklahoma law allows the unelected, notoriously liberal Oklahoma Bar Association to appoint five members of the state panel that nominates judges. This has created a red state with a blue judiciary—where Oklahomans are often judged by individuals who do not share their values. Rather than siding with the people's right to vote on ending this skewed system, Duel—a practicing attorney—voted to preserve it. He sided with liberal lawyers over the citizens he was elected to represent and wouldn't even let the people of Oklahoma have a vote on the matter. This is the tyranny of the few overruling the will of the many. As lawmakers debated the bill, Oklahoma's leading right-to-life organization pleaded with legislators to let the people vote, citing the wave of radical pro-choice judges being placed on the bench. Duel turned a deaf ear to those pleas and to this day, the unelected liberals maintain their power.

Duel Voted to Extend the Cow Food Vending Machine Fund (*HB1571-25*)

With his vote, Duel gave eternal life to a government program that has access to an “off-

the-top” funding account—money that bypasses the normal legislative appropriation process. This program has been used to fund wasteful items like a cow food vending machine, a bridge to nowhere that can’t even carry vehicle traffic, and resort signage placed on privately owned property—all at taxpayer expense. The program appears to be wasting about six million of our dollars every single year and this waste will continue for years into the future because of this vote.

Allowing Communist Chinese to Own Our Agricultural Land (*HB 1453-25 and HB 1129-25*)

Duel single-handedly defeated one of the most important America-first bills of the legislative session. The proposal—authored by grassroots conservative Rep. Jim Shaw—would have cracked down on Communist Chinese ownership of Oklahoma farmland. Despite the bill already clearing a legislative committee the previous year, Duel, as committee chairman, refused to give it a hearing—effectively killing the measure without a vote. Yet Duel did give a hearing to, and voted for, a liberal Democrat’s bill that imposed a massive 88% fee increase on Oklahomans seeking justice in small claims court—raising costs from \$45 to \$85 and generating \$2.2 million in new court fees. In short, Duel blocked strong conservative, America-first legislation while helping push a liberal Democrat’s fee hike on working Oklahomans.

Duel Voted to Award Up to \$255 Million to a Corporation From the United Arab Emirates (*HB 2781-25*)

This is the Oklahoma legislature’s latest iteration of a massive corporate welfare scheme, where a foreign-owned international corporation claimed millions in taxpayer-funded giveaways. Programs like this rig the system—rewarding foreign interests while leaving local Oklahoma-owned businesses behind. The proposal was filed on the weekend, and approved on a Tuesday, giving the public almost no time to realize what was going on or to have their voice heard.

Duel to Allow Cities to Forcefully Take Private Property (*HB 2147-25*)

Duel voted to allow city governments to foreclose on private property. While the new law doesn’t yet apply to “owner-occupied” homes, it sets a dangerous precedent—incentivizing greedy local governments to fine and assess properties with the ultimate goal of taking them. This marks a sharp departure from longstanding Oklahoma jurisprudence, which allowed cities to place liens but not to seize property through foreclosure. With Duel’s vote, that protection is gone—and the door is now open for government to take what doesn’t belong to it.

Duel Voted to Let Aliens Arrest Americans (HB 1190-25)

Duel had a choice: stand with American citizens or side with the globalist agenda. He chose the latter. He voted against a simple, common-sense reform that would've made sure only American citizens have the power to become police officers and arrest, detain, or even use deadly force under the color of law. Let that sink in—under Duel's watch, non-citizens can wear the badge and wield the authority of the state over you and your family. This is one of the latest woke trends in liberal states like California, New Mexico and Illinois. It shouldn't be in Oklahoma. The reform failed in the House by just a few votes, and Duel was part of the reason why. Duel and crew don't believe that someone who wants to serve our nation, should first take the time to become a citizen. It's outrageous, it's un-American—and it's exactly what happens when politicians forget who they work for.

Duel Voted to Keep the Impact of Illegal Immigration on Our Schools a Secret (SJR22-FA1-25)

Oklahoma's education system is buckling under the weight of the illegal alien invasion. Test scores are falling, costs are skyrocketing, and the burden is shifting from taxpaying citizens to those who broke our laws to get here. The Oklahoma Department of Education asked for one simple thing—transparency. They wanted to track how many illegal aliens are using our public school system. But Duel said no. He voted to block that plan and keep the numbers hidden from the public. To this day, parents and taxpayers are denied access to this vital information. He sided with the open-border crowd and helped bury the truth. Oklahoma deserves answers.

An Assault on Property Rights: Making It Harder to Evict Non-Paying Tenants (SB128-25)

Even as squatting becomes a "life hack," Duel cast the deciding vote in favor of a proposal—sponsored by a liberal Oklahoma City Democrat—that makes it harder for landlords to evict non-paying tenants. This assault on private property rights, would not have passed the House without Duel's support.

Gutting the Open Meeting Act? How Duel Opened the Door to Backroom Meetings (HB1664-25)

Duel voted to weaken one of the most important protections the people have against corruption: the Open Meeting Act. His vote clarifies the ability of county commissioners to meet behind closed doors, far away from their communities, at special events and out of sight of the people they're supposed to serve. It's a gift to good ol' boys and insiders.

Duel's Construction Bidding Oath Removal (SB98-2025)

This bill removed an important requirement for bidders on public construction contracts:

they were previously required to disclose potentially conflicting business relationships under oath. SB 98 eliminated the “under oath” requirement.

Duel Fee Increases on Oklahoma Small Businesses (*HB2141-24*)

House Bill 2141 imposes a dizzying array of fee hikes on Oklahoma’s blue-collar entrepreneurs—those who work with their hands and serve their communities in barbershops, nail salons, and beauty shops. While the bill may generate more revenue for the state board, it does so at the expense of hard-working small business owners trying to stay afloat in a tough economy.

Duel Votes for Every General Appropriations Spending Bill — Sends Spending to Record High Levels (*HB2766-25, SB1125-24, HB1004-23, SB28X-23, SB31X-23, HB1590-23*)

In Duel’s five years, he’s voted to increase general appropriations to more than \$12 billion and supported wasteful measures such as \$48 million for higher-ed pay raises and \$18 million for a pop culture museum in Tulsa. He also signed off on fee increases on the people—like the 66% increase in the cell phone fee, a fee that had already been increased just a few years earlier.

Duel Voted to Strip Your Representative of Power (*HR1002-25*)

Duel voted for a rules package declaring that House members are not allowed to make a motion without permission from leadership. Your representative can’t even raise their hand and say, “I move...” unless it’s pre-approved. This breaks with Mason’s Manual, the gold standard for legislative procedure, which guarantees that every elected member has the basic right to make motions and represent their constituents. Without that right, your representative is silenced—and your voice is replaced by the will of the House Speaker and a few insiders from other districts. It’s a centralization of power that’s dangerous, undemocratic, and unprecedented. Your representative should never need permission from legislative bosses to speak or act on your behalf.

Duel Voted to Hide Where Political Candidates Live (*SB 677-23*)

This bill hides the home addresses of political candidates from the public. That means voters can not easily verify whether a candidate actually lives in the district they’re trying to represent. It’s a blow to transparency and accountability.