

DISTRICT 10

[Delivered via Electronic Mail]

June 3, 2025

Governor Abbott:

Texas voters gave Republicans control of all Texas government and demanded – and deserved – a bold, conservative session where we slashed government, ended property taxes, and protected liberty.

We failed. Spending exploded, countless new government agencies were created, property taxes will INCREASE, and Texans were less free when we gaveled out than they were when we gaveled in.

While many bad bills have already become law, and countless deserve a veto, I respectfully ask you to veto at least the following and immediately call a special session to eliminate property taxes:

- 1) <u>SB 1 and HB 500: the most bloated, liberal budget in Texas history.</u> These waste the \$24 billion surplus and fund liberal priorities, including DEI, transgender ideology, and massively expand corporate welfare. They also grow state spending a staggering 42% in just two cycles.
- 2) <u>SB 3: banning hemp products.</u> It restricts the freedom of adults, will shutter thousands of small businesses, and pushes Texans to addictive pharmaceuticals or the dangerous black market.
- 3) HB 2: an \$8+ billion educrat boondoggle. Biggest teacher union bribe in American history.
- 4) **<u>SB 22: giving 1.5 billion tax dollars to liberal Hollywood</u>. Simply outrageous.**
- 5) <u>SB 2024: banning virtually all vapes in Texas.</u> It is a nanny state, liberal policy which will ban safer alternatives to combustible cigarettes.
- 6) <u>**HB 149: AI overregulation**</u>. We are in a national security race for which nation can lead in AI. This hyper regulatory approach will likely put us at a competitive disadvantage.
- 7) <u>**HB 14: crony corporatism and corporate welfare for the nuclear industry**</u>. Texas needs more nuclear, but we should do this through slashing regulations, not increasing taxes and spending.
- 8) HB 4751: crony corporatism and corporate welfare for quantum manufacturing.
- 9) <u>SB 31: weakening Texas pro-life laws.</u> On the House floor, the bill sponsor admitted that if this bill becomes law "more babies would die" from abortions.
- 10) <u>SB 646: expanding a Biden-style student loan repayment program.</u> Conservatives rightfully killed this bill on the House floor, but House leadership cheated to revive it for Democrats.

11) HB 27: removing the requirement that high school students learn economics.

- 12) **<u>SB 3070: extending the Texas Lottery.</u>** The Texas Lottery expires without this bill.
- 13) SB 293: increasing lawmaker pensions by 25% and letting bureaucrats raise it even higher.

If allowed to become law, these will continue Texas' turn towards progressive, big government, liberal, nanny state-ism that will increase taxes and deprive millions of the liberty we are entrusted to protect.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brian Harrison