



For a Strong Texas Forward

The Honorable Greg W. Abbott
Governor of the State of Texas

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO:

Mr. Luis Saenz, Chief of Staff

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May 18, 2020

Dear Governor Abbott:

While infections, hospitalizations, and deaths have fallen far short of dire projections, the still unfolding economic devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting government-ordered shutdowns have far surpassed the expectations of regular everyday Texans. In other words, ***the economic harm to Texas families and businesses is inestimable.***

Thus far, more than 2 million Texans have been forced out of their jobs. Meanwhile, many of those who have retained jobs have been relegated to lower wages and other declines in income.

Before the pandemic, Texans were already forced to pay for more government than they could afford, with a growing number of homeowners taxed out of their homes due to property taxes. **Now, it is time to put Texas taxpayers first.** Without immediate reforms, we can only expect these onerous levies to rise due to the economic destruction caused by the government-ordered shutdown.

Homeowners across the state are already receiving appraisals they fear will result in substantially inflated tax bills from their local governments during the pandemic, and business owners struggle even more to pay sales and franchise taxes.

Your focused leadership on meaningful tax relief for all Texans would again convey your concern for the well-being of regular Texans. Tax relief would alleviate the burdens on families, empower entrepreneurs, and enable employers to further engineer the economic recovery Texans need, want, and deserve.

Such relief can be accomplished through increases in the homestead exemption, requiring local taxing jurisdictions to compress their tax rates, and reducing the sales tax and franchise tax. Tax relief must be built to 1) deliver measurable results, 2) benefit every Texas taxpayer, and 3) provide lasting relief for years to come.

Your leadership in a renewed fight for Texas taxpayers would provide a strong boost to Texans who are looking to pull themselves through this crisis and cause the Lone Star State to shine brightly as the premier leader in a post-COVID-19 nation. We ask that you fight *for* Texans and work to significantly reduce the burden of government on their lives.

Texans deserve relief, and there is no time left to waste.

Sincerely, the undersigned conservative grassroots political opinion leaders, *

“Tax relief is needed NOW to alleviate the burdens on families, empower entrepreneurs, and enable employers to further engineer the economic recovery Texans need, want, and deserve.”
226 grassroots political opinion leaders

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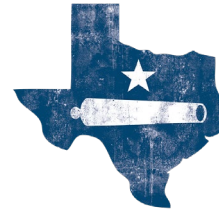
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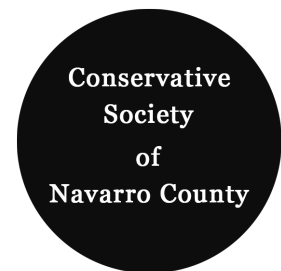
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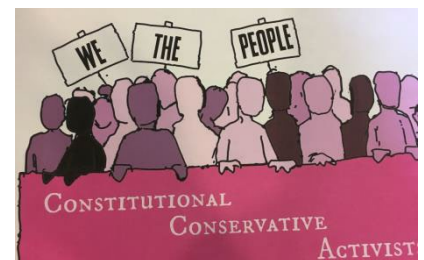
Kurt Hyde, Precinct Chair, Denton County Republican Party, SD 12

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