



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
BRIAN HARRISON

DISTRICT 10

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[Delivered via electronic mail]

Chairman Bonnen:

As you are aware, the House Committee on Appropriations is scheduled to meet next Monday, March 31st, to consider what may be the most bloated, liberal, pro-DEI budget in Texas history.

I was appalled to see that you made the decision to ban the public from offering their thoughts and concerns on this budget. While you have allowed ample time for bureaucrats to come before us to argue for more tax money, the Texans whose money we are stealing are now prohibited from speaking to the Committee.

I'm sick and tired of this body prioritizing bureaucrats over taxpayers, and it is obscene to silence the very Texans we are supposed to be working for.

The government has no money unless we take it from the people. It is their opinion which should matter the most to us.

After allowing your Democrat Chairs to allocate billions of dollars on Democrat priorities in this budget in secret – and in direct violation of the House Rules, as you implicitly acknowledged during our last Appropriations Committee meeting - the decision to ban public testimony is indefensible.

Your conduct is completely unacceptable and beneath the dignity of this institution.

On behalf of the millions of Texans you have been overtaxing for years, I respectfully demand that public testimony be allowed on the House budget during Monday's hearing.

For liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Harrison", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Harrison