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Texas Governor Rick Perry has unveiled a series of reforms to protect taxpayers, including a cap on revenue

growth from property taxes for local taxing entities.

Michael Quinn Sullivan, vice president of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, said the organization's research has long demonstrated the need for restricting the growth of government.

"Local taxing entities have for too long taken advantage of a clouded, confusing appraisal system that raises extraordinary amounts of money without honestly going before taxpayers to raise rates and justify increased spending. By forcing municipalities to either live within the natural growth of the economy, or to make the case for more tax dollars in a rate-increase election, the taxpayer is not only protected, but put in the driver's seat."

*The Texas Public Policy Foundation is the state's only free-market research institution, focusing on issues ranging from education and transportation to taxes and health care. The Foundation has undertaken a broad, in-depth study of the alternatives in reforming the state's system of education and taxation.*

*All of the Foundation's research is available at [www.TexasPolicy.com](http://www.TexasPolicy.com).*