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Conservative public policy group launches ads pushing budget cuts



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The conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation has launched a series of ads, some which will appear in the Dallas area, to shore up support for the budget passed by [Republicans](#) in the House and Senate.

The Senate version, which is the more generous, still cuts the budget by \$12 billion and takes the knife to public education (and fails to fund new enrollment), mental health care, public safety, higher education, parks and environmental enforcement. The argument by [Republicans](#): we must live within our means. The argument by [Democrats](#): the state has \$9 billion stashed away in its savings account, why can't we spend some of that for our starved state needs?

The ads don't talk about any of the cuts. They speak about that it's important that the state lives within its means. They talk about how citizens must fight back against the forces that want to raise taxes, but the fight is really over spending some of the money in the Rainy Day savings account.

In the various ads, TPPF has recruited former U.S. Sen. [Phil Gramm](#), his wife economist Wendy Gramm, its president Brooke Rollins and also highlights blue-collar workers.

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