



# *the* **Conservative** TEXAS BUDGET



*States with lower taxes and spending have stronger growth, more jobs, and greater opportunity.*

## **The Conservative Texas Budget Spending Limits for 2016-17**

\$217.1 billion in all funds ★ \$142.2 billion in state funds  
6.5% growth (population + inflation) over 2014-15

### **Eliminate the Texas Margins Tax**

Increase investment/boost jobs by eliminating Texas' business tax

### **Cut Sales Taxes and Spending through the STaR Fund**

The Sales Tax Relief Fund allows for sales tax relief for consumers while reducing government spending

### **Stop the Runaway Growth in Texas Property Taxes**

Require voter approval for property tax increases that exceed the lesser of 5% or population growth plus inflation

### **Strengthen Texas' Current Spending Limit**

Limit the growth of the entire Texas budget to the lower of the increase in population growth plus inflation, personal income, or GSP

### **Provide 21st Century Budget Transparency**

Adopt a program-based appropriations bill that is posted online in real time

### **The Conservative Texas Budget Coalition**

Americans for Prosperity - Texas ★ Americans for Tax Reform  
Grassroots America - We the People ★ Heritage Alliance  
Institute for Policy Innovation ★ National Federation of Independent Businesses - Texas  
Our America Initiative ★ National Taxpayers Union ★ R Street Institute  
State Budget Solutions ★ Tea Party Caucus Legislative Advisory Committee  
Texas Eagle Forum ★ Texans for Fiscal Responsibility  
Texas Public Policy Foundation ★ Young Conservatives of Texas



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