



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

House Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act, addresses the priorities of Texans. It dedicates \$5 billion to rein in skyrocketing property taxes and provides for lasting property tax reforms for homeowners, renters, and businesses.

The budget prioritizes our school classrooms by paying our teachers more and focusing on the needs of students. It also makes our schools safer by hardening our campuses and expanding access to mental health resources.

The budget funds work to combat human trafficking and sexual assault, and to clear the rape-kit backlog. It also creates a fund to assist communities after natural disasters and to match federal aid for future storms.

This is not only a balanced budget, it also limits the growth of spending in the upcoming biennium to less than population and inflation growth, when adjusting for the cost of property tax relief.

House Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act, having been duly certified by the Comptroller of Public Accounts pursuant to Article III, Section 49a of the Texas Constitution, has been presented to me for action. I reviewed the legislation and approved House Bill 1 by signing the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas
June 15, 2019

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
O'CLOCK

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A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.
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