



## State Senator Don Huffines - Senate District 16 (Dallas)

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### **Senator Huffines: Call Second Special Session for Property Tax Relief**

*Property taxes are too high, and Texans desperately need property tax relief*

AUSTIN – Today in Austin, Senator Don Huffines called on Governor Greg Abbott to compel lawmakers to deliver a real solution to the property tax crisis. The following statement is attributable to Senator Don Huffines (R - Dallas):

“Property taxes are too high and Texans desperately need real property tax relief. We must allow Texans to truly own their homes, and we must empower job creators to invest in a brighter, more prosperous future for Texas.

“Regrettably, Senate Bill 1, as watered-down by career politicians and Austin insiders, did not achieve true property tax relief. Although lowering the rollback rate and making rollback elections automatic are two laudable property tax reforms that would have allowed voters to *slow the growth* of their property tax bills, the latest draft of the bill does not cut property tax bills. Senate Bill 1, as amended by career politicians, would have reformed property taxes, but it did so in too little measure, and with alarming inequity. All Texans deserve property tax relief, and all Texans deserve property tax reform.

“With more than 24 hours left in the special session, I’m proud that the Texas Senate is still open for business. Due to circumstances outside our control, however, I’m sad to say that property tax relief and reform are dead. *For now*. This remains a top priority, and I stand ready to address it any time, any day, or any hour. Governor Abbott: Please call a second special session immediately to compel the Legislature to fix property taxes. We accomplished a lot in the first called special session. Now, we need to finish the job in a second called special session.”

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*Senator Don Huffines represents the North half of Dallas County in the Texas Senate. First elected in 2014, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, Education, Intergovernmental Relations, and Administration. Senator Huffines is an advocate for free markets, fewer regulations, and believes in limited government, personal responsibility, and that individuals have the God-given right to pursue their own path.*