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Sen. Donna Campbell Supports Conservative State Budget

AUSTIN-- State Senator Donna Campbell expressed her support for the budget recommendations outlined by Texans for a Conservative Budget coalition. The coalition recommended a conservative spending increase of 6.2% over the next two years – a number derived from the projected growth in Texas' population plus inflation – during an Austin press conference earlier today.

"The Texas economy has remained strong because of our commitment to conservative principles that keep taxes low and spending in check," Senator Campbell said. "I fully support a fiscally responsible budget that prioritizes spending for essential services and puts restraints on government growth. We must remain vigilant against big government."

According to *The Conservative Texas Budget*, the report by the Texas Public Policy Foundation released at today's press conference, Texas is poised to see a fund balance of nearly $10 billion at the end of the 2015 state fiscal year. Senator Donna Campbell urged her colleagues to not view this windfall as an occasion to go on another government spending spree.

"We have an obligation to protect Texas taxpayers. Setting clear restraints on spending will help lawmakers differentiate between budget needs and budget wants. I look forward to working with other fiscal hawks in the Senate to achieve this goal," Senator Campbell stated.

The Conservative Texas Budget's recommendation of a 6.2% spending increase would result in a spending limit of $214.4 billion in all funds – and $140.5 billion in state funds – during the 2016-17 biennium. More information on the coalition is available at its website, www.conservativetexasbudget.com.

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State Senator Donna Campbell is an emergency room physician who represents Senate District 25, including parts of Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos, Seguin, and New Braunfels.