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## Taxpayer Group Endorses Texas Legislation

*“California Disaster Avoidance Plan” ties spending to population and inflation*

Washington, D.C. – Americans for Tax Reform, today, announced their support for House Bill 994, dubbed “The California Disaster Avoidance Plan.” HB 994, introduced by Rep. Ken Paxton (R-McKinney) and Sen. Dan Patrick (R-Houston), would prohibit state spending increases from outpacing growth in population and inflation.

“I applaud Rep. Ken Paxton and Sen. Dan Patrick for bringing forth this much needed legislation,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “Nearly every state budget is in the red and profligate spending is what got so many states into the current fiscal mess. This bill will ensure that the Lone Star State avoids the same experience.”

According to Center for Fiscal Accountability, Texans already spend 186 days annually – well over half the year – just paying off the cost of their government. Projections peg Texas’s budget shortfall anywhere from \$3 billion to \$12 billion.

“Has the state of Texas fared better than most states in this current recession? Yes, but the projected deficit is indicative of the fact that the state still does not live within its means,” continued Norquist. “Now more than ever is the time for a spending limit in Texas. Rep. Paxton and Sen. Patrick’s bill will take taxpayers off of the chopping block and force government to exercise fiscal restraint just as Texan families do everyday.”

*Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).*

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