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Statement From Texas Forward on the Proposed State Budget

House budget bill would cut Texas future short

(AUSTIN, Texas) — TexasForward, a broad coalition of groups from across Texas urging a balanced approach to the state's revenue crisis, released the following statement on the filing today of the House budget bill.

"A state budget that spends only what the Comptroller tells us will be available (\$72 billion) would take us back to levels of investment not seen since the 2006-07 budget. Today, Texas has hundreds of thousands more children who need schooling or health care than it did in 2006, and millions more people using its roads and infrastructure every day.

"A cuts-only approach could cost Texas hundreds of thousands of jobs—public sector jobs in schools and private sector jobs in health care—and jeopardize the moderate economic recovery that the Comptroller is predicting. In addition, the needs of many hardworking Texans will go unmet.

"We need to move Texas forward by taking a balanced approach that protects working families, advances our economic recovery, and secures a prosperous future. That means we must spend the Rainy Day Fund and find other revenue to continue to meet current needs and investments in schools, health care, and roads."