



DON HUFFINES
STATE SENATOR • DISTRICT 16

Hello Patriots!

The annual requirement that Texas drivers have their vehicle inspected is more than an annoying chore, it's a tax. We all know that the government is in the business of taking our money, but frankly, there are more honest and less burdensome ways for them to do it.

I have compiled volumes of research on passenger vehicle safety inspections, and the conclusive results might surprise you: there are no discernible safety benefits derived from state-mandated passenger vehicle safety inspections. This conclusion is overwhelmingly supported by data provided through government reporting, university studies and private-sector research. The federal government stopped requiring these inspections of states in 1976. Fast-forward 40 years and Texas is one of only sixteen states that continue mandating these antiquated inspections. Even large states like California and Florida do not require their citizens to endure passenger vehicle safety inspections.

Texas drivers are wasting their time on a false promise. Time is arguably our most precious resource, and these inspections consume 9 million hours of Texans' time every single year. Financially, the burden is even more troubling; Texas motorists throw away \$267 million annually on unnecessary inspections. This type of tax is dishonest, unfair, and inconvenient.

This effort is gaining momentum every day, and the media continues to confirm that the vehicle inspection should be repealed. I wrote an op-ed featured in the "TribTalk" series on Texas Tribune, titled "Vehicle safety inspections are more than just a chore — they're a tax." The Dallas Morning News' "Watchdog" columnist published an article supporting repeal, and KVUE News out of Austin did a four part investigative report on how vehicle inspections are a bad deal for Texas drivers. Lastly, an auto insurance rate comparison site recently featured an article which found safety inspections have no effect on insurance rates, demonstrating that the free market reinforces the conclusion that safety inspections are useless.

I hope you will join me in this important fight to save Texas drivers' time and money by repealing the vehicle inspection tax, which is built on a false promise! It's not a question of if we will repeal this tax but when we will do it, and I say the sooner the better. If you have questions regarding this issue, or any other important issue, please reach out to my office at (512) 463-0116. Remember, I work for you. You and your family are the reason I'm in Austin and the reason I fight for the reforms that I champion.

In Liberty and your Employee,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Huffines".

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About Don Huffines:

As a fifth generation Texan, my family has a strong legacy of hard work and faith in God. My wife of 28 years, Mary Catherine, and I have raised four sons and one daughter. My family started out in Texas as farmers, working the land by hand. In 1924, my grandfather started an automobile business which he built into a company that my family still owns and operates to this day. My business, Huffines Communities, is one of the largest real-estate land developers in the Dallas/Fort Worth region. My family and I are proud to have rooted ourselves in the Dallas area.

DISTRICT OFFICE OPEN HOUSES

Please join me on the **first Friday** or **third Tuesday** of each month!

*No appointment needed. Just stop by my district office at
8222 Douglas Avenue - Suite 675, Dallas, TX 75225*

FIRST FRIDAYS
8:30 - 10:30am

AUG. 5 | SEP. 2 | OCT. 7 | NOV. 4 | DEC. 2

THIRD TUESDAYS
4:30 - 6:30pm

AUG. 16 | SEP. 20 | OCT. 18 | NOV. 15

"To fully experience liberty, we must have a virtuous society. Instead of turning to government for answers or solutions, I believe in you and the power of the individual to solve most of our issues. By working together, everything is possible. Texas' greatest days are yet to dawn. Our future is limitless. God bless Texas."

- Senator Don Huffines