



DON HUFFINES
STATE SENATOR • DISTRICT 16

Hello Patriots!

One of my top priorities next legislative session will be repealing an annual mandate that affects almost every Texan - the Vehicle Inspection Tax. The research overwhelmingly concludes that there are no safety benefits derived from mandating passenger safety inspections. Without any safety benefits, this mandate is nothing more than a tax predicated on a false promise. Every year, this tax costs Texans \$267 million, and consumes over 9 million hours of our most precious resource: our time. The federal government stopped requiring the inspections in 1976. Texas is 1 of only 16 states to continue levying this needless tax. We must end this outdated program.

The widespread and growing use of traffic cameras is also troubling. Texans deserve the attention and discretion of a uniformed peace officer, not the indifference of an automated, faceless machine. The data on photographic traffic enforcement systems relating to safety is inconclusive and there are plenty of more effective initiatives that local governments could use to promote public safety. These cameras are all about money. Please count on me to continue my fight against red light cameras, speed cameras, and other traffic cameras that are simply about generating revenue.

Finally, we must foster a free market for transportation by preempting cities from regulating innovative transportation solutions out of business. Transportation network companies (TNCs), like Uber and Lyft, provide peer to peer transportation services that are incredibly popular with consumers. I'm proud to say that much of DFW has embraced this innovation, but in places like Austin, Midland, and Corpus Christi, local regulators have demanded that TNCs bow to the burdensome regulations that cabs have long endured. The liberties of TNC drivers and their passengers have been infringed upon by certain city leaders, and it has become imperative that the state intervene. Rather than giving TNCs a special carve-out, I'll fight to significantly reduce regulations on TNCs and cab companies alike. In addition to TNCs, other innovative technologies like driverless vehicles must be given the same free market chance to fail or succeed on their own merits. Texas should allow consumers to vote for their transit preference with their dollars.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact my Dallas office at (214)239-6131 and share your thoughts. I'm honored to be your voice in Austin.

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. As your state Senator in Austin, I serve as Vice Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, and as a member of the Education, Business & Commerce, and Administration Committees. I work for you, the taxpayers, and not the government. I do not accept the state salary, pension, or any other benefits or payments.

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, and our future is limitless. God bless Texas!

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

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4:30 - 6:30pm

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