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Sen. Huffines Encourages Taxpayers to Protest their Property Tax Appraisals

Huffines' taxpayer education & engagement campaign will offer information & assistance

DALLAS, TX – Starting today, Friday, April 13, Dallas County homeowners can soon expect to see their property tax appraisal notices in the mail, and if recent history is any indication, they should prepare for sticker shock. For example, since 2005, the City of Dallas' property taxes have increased over 50 percent, while the average household income has only increased by 24 percent. In light of appraisal notices and anticipated increases, Senator Don Huffines (R-Dallas) is announcing a taxpayer education & engagement campaign to ensure homeowners are armed with the resources and information they need to take actions that can help control their rising property tax bills.

Senator Huffines stated, "Continual and crushing increases in the property tax burden on homeowners rob us of our property rights and make us little more than renters from the government. Property tax bills are too high and rising too fast, which is why I'm making all Dallas County taxpayers aware of the opportunity to protest their appraisal notice. Protesting appraisal notices often has the effect of reducing a tax bill and slowing growth in property tax bills in future years. Taxpayers need to know that state law gives them an opportunity to keep more of their hard-earned money in their hands, not the tax man's. As your state Senator and a watchdog for taxpayers, I'm here to do everything I can to lower your property tax bill."

For those who receive their notice in the first batch, the protest period opens on April 15 and ends on May 15 (or 30 days after the notice was delivered). For more information on how to file a protest form, taxpayers should visit <http://www.dallascad.org>. For more information on how to protest, please see [this video from the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts](#) or [this video from the Dallas Central Appraisal District](#). As part of this taxpayer education & engagement campaign, **Senator Huffines' District Office will be open extended hours on April 17 from 8am-8pm** to provide taxpayers with information and other resources. Additionally, Senator Huffines will host a **Facebook Live Town Hall Meeting on Property Taxes on April 25** to provide taxpayers with critical information they need to protest their property tax appraisals. **Senator Huffines' staff in his Dallas and Austin offices stand ready to answer questions and assist taxpayers.** Taxpayers in SD 16 can reach the Dallas office at 214-239-6131 or the Capitol office in Austin at 512-463-0116.

Senator Huffines concluded, "As a watchdog for taxpayers, I'm going to use every tool at my disposal to make sure homeowners are aware of their rights and the actions they should take to potentially lower their property tax bills. It's my job as state Senator to keep taxpayers informed and engaged. When the Legislature reconvenes in 2019, reducing and reforming property taxes will be a top priority for Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Senate, and me. Until the Texas Legislature delivers new reductions, reforms, and solutions, every taxpayer should strongly consider protesting his or her appraisal notice."

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Senator Don Huffines represents the North portions of Dallas County in the Texas Senate. First elected in 2014, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, Education, Intergovernmental Relations, and Administration.

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