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## **TTARA Statement on Called Special Session on Property Taxes**

The Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA) today issued the following statement after Gov. Greg Abbott announced he will include the property tax issue in a call for a special session of the Texas Legislature.

The following statement can be attributed to Dale Craymer, president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA):

“We commend Governor Abbott for including property tax in the call for the special session. Texas property tax burdens are among the highest in the nation.

“While neither the Senate nor the House plan from the recent legislative session would lower today’s property tax bills, in tandem they could provide a powerful package so that taxpayers may limit future tax increases. The House plan would have provided property owners with critical real-time information about local tax rate decisions. The Senate plan would have restricted tax increases and given voters a stronger voice at the ballot box.

“Giving taxpayers better control of city, county, and special district taxes is an important first step in the fight for meaningful, long lasting property tax relief; however, lawmakers also must address school finance. Rising school taxes should not be a tool that allows the Legislature to cut state funding to schools while claiming formulas are ‘fully funded.’ This is an item that should be first on the agenda of the Governor’s School Finance Panel called for this afternoon.”

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