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Greetings!

Current economic conditions, largely caused by our nation's recent recession, required the Texas House of Representatives to make many difficult decisions in the budget it passed Sunday night. The House responded to these economic conditions in the same manner as most families across this state have responded: it made painful cuts in spending while accessing some of its cash reserves. The money we used from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, or the "Rainy Day" fund, allowed the state to put \$2 billion more toward education (bringing total education spending to 56% of all state General Revenue) and \$2 billion more toward Medicaid than was originally budgeted for the coming biennium.

However, even though the House passed a version of the budget Sunday night, it is important to remember that the initial vote we took on H.B. 1 is simply the next step in the process and not the final action the House will take on the budget. The House of Representatives still must reconcile its budget with the Senate's version, which will create numerous changes, as will the passage of a new school finance plan.

As I have previously stated, I am committed to finding the most equitable solutions to the current shortfall, and I welcome your input as we continue through the budgeting process.

In friendship,



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