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TO: All Appointees

Governor Perry will deliver the State of the State Address tomorrow here at the State Capitol. Faced with a significant reduction in revenues compared with the previous biennium and given Texas voters' clear message in the November elections that they want smaller government, the Governor and Legislature are proposing a number of cost-saving options.

In confronting the effects of the national economic crisis, the Texas legislature must make important choices regarding the state's priorities over the next two years.

We must respond as Texas families across our great state respond to their own financial challenges - by tightening our belt, discerning between "needs" and "wants," and setting priorities accordingly.

In doing so, we must increase efficiency, consolidate services and consider suspending or eliminating services that are not necessary core functions of government through this budget cycle.

Proposed suspensions and consolidations are items the legislature may consider when pursuing additional revenue for funding our state's priorities.

If members of the Legislature, the media or the public approach you about your thoughts on consolidation, we hope you will support the Governor's proposal and commit your efforts to streamlining government and doing what's right for Texas.

Our office will make every attempt to contact the appointees who serve on boards or commissions that are under consideration for consolidation, suspension or elimination. In the meantime, please feel free to call us.

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