



VERONICA ESCOBAR
El Paso County Judge

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Dear Texas Legislator:

On the reverse side of this sheet you will find an estimate of the proposed budget cuts found in H.B. 1 and the impact they will have on El Paso County and other entities providing critical services to our community. We have shared these numbers with our delegation, the media and constituents.

As you continue to work through the legislative process, please know that these proposed cuts would devastate our community - from access to justice to fundamental healthcare - our community cannot sustain the cuts and unfunded mandates on top of our own economic/budgetary challenges.

Please let us know what we can do to avoid this. From tapping into the rainy day fund to increasing revenue in other areas, we know there is a solution that isn't solely contingent on "cuts only" to our local communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Veronica Escobar", is written over the typed name.

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PROJECTED IMPACTS OF STATE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REDUCTIONS	Projected Impacts for 2012
County of El Paso	
Eliminate Lateral Road and Bridge Fund distributions to counties.	\$360,000 \$374,000
Cut by 22% City & County Mixed Drink Tax reimbursements. 6% reduction in payments. 56% Criminal Justice grants	\$3,288,628
Cut by 7% funding for Child Protective Services.	\$13,300
Cut by 20% Community Mental Health Adult Services	\$10,000
Indigent Defense grants funding reduced by 15% (\$8.6m cut)	\$178,439
Reduce Assistant Prosecutor Longevity Pay reimbursements to counties by \$187,950	\$9,368
Reduce by 15% state juror pay reimbursements to counties (\$3.2m cut)	\$33,750
Require Counties to pay fees to fund jail inspections (\$0.6 cut)	\$10,000
Reduces mandatory JJAEP reimbursement from \$79 to \$59 (Also removes statement of adequate funding)	\$66,431
Eliminates the Colonia self-help program (\$300,000 cut)	\$1,193,829
Eliminates Automobile Burglary and Theft grants (\$31m cut)	\$75,184
Cuts Transportation Construction by 1% (\$47.5m for the biennium)	\$137,145
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$5,750,074</u>
University Medical Center	
SDA Rebasing	\$6,000,000
SDA Rebasing - EP 1st	\$3,000,000
Medicaid reduction - UMC: 8 to \$12 million (20% to 30% provider payment reduction).	\$10,200,000
Medicaid reduction - EP 1st: TBD	
Poison Center - UMC:	\$1,300,000
Federal IME & GME reduction - UMC:	\$2,500,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$23,000,000</u>
Mental Health Mental Retardation	\$5,218,035
West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections	\$1,420,029
Local State Office of Child Protective Services - TBD 3% Information unavailable	
Local State Office of Adult Protective Services -TBD 3.8% Information unavailable	
911 Emergency	
Grand Total Projected Impacts assuming State Budget Cuts Estimated 2012	<u>\$35,388,138</u>
Grand Total Projected Impacts assuming State Budget Cuts Estimated BIENNIUM	<u>\$70,776,276</u>