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Young Conservatives of Texas

Young Conservatives of Texas is a non-partisan conservative youth organization that has been fighting for conservative values in the Lone Star State since 1980; and, publishes the longest running, and most respected ratings of the Texas legislature.

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YCT Lobby Day, Budget Ratings and Updated Priorities Website

AUSTIN, TX — Yesterday, Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) hosted their biannual lobby day at the Texas Legislature and announced the release of both their House Budget Scorecard and the final iteration of <u>vote.yct.org</u>.

Each Session, Young Conservatives of Texas members from across the state congregate in Austin to lobby the legislature about their legislative priorities.

"It is important for legislators to see that there are conservative college students out there," said Baylor YCT member Brandon Waltens. "We enjoyed speaking with legislators and staff about the issues, and most were really receptive to our message and goals."

In addition to lobbying this week, YCT released the organization's first ever scorecard of the House Budget.

"Last Thursday's budget process was a complete and total failure for conservatism," said YCT State Chairman Jeff Morris. "While many common sense spending reforms were proposed, it seemed only amendments that grew government and decreased efficiency were adopted."

Perhaps the best example of this was the initial vote to expand Medicaid. While legislators eventually passed a motion to reconsider this vote, the fact that it was able to pass on the first vote shows a lack of organization and communication.

"Liberal legislators walked in with a plan and executed it," said YCT Senior Vice Chairman Jeramy Kitchen. "At the same time, conservatives walked in ill-prepared for the fight and lost almost every battle of substance."

To view the budget scorecard please visit: <u>http://bit.ly/150IPml</u>

To ensure legislators know which bills to support and oppose for the rest of Session, YCT released today the final iteration of <u>vote.yct.org/</u>. The final version of this site contains over 500 bills that YCT has taken a position on and fit their priorities.

Young Conservatives of Texas is a non-partisan organization that has promoted conservatism at universities across the Lone Star State for over three decades. The State's most active political youth organization, YCT is composed of hundreds of members and alumni who participate in the full spectrum of politics. YCT issues the most respected ratings of the Texas legislature and is the only conservative group to have done so without interruption over the past 19 legislative sessions. For more information about YCT, please visit <u>www.YCT.org</u>.

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