



# Young Conservatives of Texas

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## Young Conservatives of Texas Endorse Glenn Hegar for Comptroller

Austin, TX - Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) announced today its endorsement of State Senator Glenn Hegar in his bid for Texas Comptroller.

"As the state continues to grow, we must elect people who are principled conservatives. Glenn Hegar is a proven leader that has reduced inefficiencies in government, stood up for 2nd amendment rights, and cut taxes for small businesses," said Jeff Morris, State Chairman of YCT. "Senator Hegar has demonstrated that he has a common sense approach to solving problems and a willingness to stand up to special interests. Texans need him as their next Comptroller."

Hegar recently received praise for sponsoring the historic pro-life omnibus bill this past summer. Because of his efforts, the state will see a decrease in abortions and an increase in the health and safety standards for women in Texas.

Senator Hegar is joined in the race by State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran and former State Rep. Raul Torres.

"As he is a former member of YCT, some expected our organization to endorse Harvey Hilderbran for office," commented Morris. "Unfortunately, 24 years in office have changed Rep. Hilderbran and not for the better. He recently has been touting his score on YCT's ratings of the Texas Legislature. What Hilderbran won't tell you is that he got that score by gaming the system through "statements of intent" in the journal and, even more obnoxiously, by skipping some tough votes altogether."

"As House Speaker Joe Straus' Ways and Means Chair, Harvey Hilderbran failed Texans when it came to tax relief this session," said Morris. "For example, Hilderbran allowed one bill filled with lobbyist-requested carve-outs to the business tax out of his committee. It was only when the bill was sent to the Senate that Senator Hegar was able to salvage the bill by changing it into a simple across-the-board tax cut for all Texas businesses."

Comptroller is a powerful position in Texas, playing a crucial role in both the budgeting and tax collection process. Texas has a strong economy because we keep a balanced budget and keep our tax and regulatory burden low. Hegar is the only candidate in the race with a proven record of both fiscal stewardship and moral integrity.

“All session long, Senator Glenn Hegar was fighting to push more conservative policies in the Texas Senate,” added Morris. “Hilderbran, on the other hand, made his mark this session by leading the charge against the conservative freshmen when they were before the powerful House Committee on State Affairs and when they brought conservative amendments to the budget. His actions this session were shameful. We’re glad that he is retiring from the legislature. It’s simply time for him to hang it up.

*“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 20 legislative sessions. For more information about YCT, please visit [www.YCT.org](http://www.YCT.org).*

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