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## CLOUT Ready for Trial in Taxpayer Lawsuit

Houston – Citizens Lowering Our Unfair Taxes (CLOUT) today announced their readiness to move forward into the jury trial phase of a taxpayer lawsuit challenging illegal state spending.

The lawsuit, *Hendee v. Dewhurst*, was originally filed in June of 2006 to uphold the Texas constitution's cap on discretionary state spending. In a series of court victories, CLOUT has proven that taxpayers have a legal right to challenge state spending.

CLOUT attorneys are now moving into discovery and deposition, which will call on members of the Legislative Budget Board to explain their decisions in the budgeting process.

In a strong court showing this week, CLOUT effectively argued the merits of the case before a Travis County District Judge. While the judge did not grant CLOUT's motion for temporary injunction of \$931 million in illegal state spending, she listened to the arguments of both sides, and CLOUT will now move forward to trial.

CLOUT Executive Director Edd Hendee responded to today's ruling: "We've been successful in defending taxpayer rights so far and I'm very confident going forward. After listening to both sides argue in court, I think we have a stronger case than even we realized."

"We've factually established our case, we've know the arguments, and we're ready for trial. Assuming the state provides the discovery we've awaited for over a year, our case is only growing."

Hendee concluded, "We've been before judges at every level, now it's time to let a jury decide."

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