

Don Huffines is the Comptroller of the State of Texas and serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the world's eighth-largest economy. A fifth-generation Texan, husband, father, grandfather, and successful businessman, Huffines brings a private-sector mindset to government. As he often says, his life is guided by three priorities: Jesus, family, and business.

As Comptroller, Huffines refused his state salary and all taxpayer-funded benefits on day one. He did the same as a State Senator, never taking a penny of government money. He uncovered one of the largest government corruption scandals in modern Texas history involving a \$100 million agency that was stealing millions in taxpayer funds. His work led to six officials being sent to prison and the agency being shut down.

Born and raised in Dallas, Huffines learned the value of hard work early, greasing cars for \$2 an hour at his family's business, Huffines Motor Company. After earning a B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Texas, he co-founded Huffines Communities in 1985, building communities, creating jobs, and helping thousands of Texans achieve the dream of homeownership. He built his business by running a lean operation, recruiting top talent, and focusing on efficiency and results. He runs the Comptroller's office the same way.

Huffines collects, manages, and invests hundreds of billions of dollars in state funds every year. He writes the checks and keeps the books for the entire State of Texas and produces the revenue estimates that set the ceiling for the state budget. He also directs statewide programs including the Texas Education Freedom Accounts, the Texas Bullion Depository, and unclaimed property. He has made rooting out waste, fraud, and inefficiency the defining priority of his tenure in public service, and his record of fighting for taxpayers has earned him the support of every major conservative and business organization in Texas.

Huffines and his wife of 38 years, Mary Catherine, have five children and twelve grandchildren.