



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 14, 2026

Dear Agency Heads:

On April 23, 2025, Governor Abbott signed into law [Senate Bill 14](#) (89th Texas Legislature), the Regulatory Reform and Efficiency Act, establishing the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office (TREO) within the Office of the Governor under Chapter 465 of the Texas Government Code.

TREO is charged with assisting state agencies to reduce and eliminate unnecessary, ineffective, or inefficient rules and other regulatory requirements. As part of this effort, TREO has prepared and published guides and a manual to assist each state agency in streamlining its regulations. The following guides and manual are attached to this letter:

- **The first edition of the Regulatory Reduction Guide**, which aids each state agency in reducing rules and other regulatory requirements and will assist agencies interested in performing an agency-initiated regulatory reduction review.

To further assist agencies in their assessment and documentation of simplifying their rulesets, TREO has also created a companion to the Regulatory Reduction Guide, the Texas Regulatory Improvement Matrix (TRIM), which is also attached. If your agency undertakes an agency-initiated regulatory reduction review, please provide TREO with your agency's completed TRIM upon completion. Doing so will assist TREO in documenting successful regulatory reduction efforts across the state and reporting those results to the Texas Legislature.

TREO will also use this Regulatory Reduction Guide and TRIM in future agency-by-agency, TREO-initiated Regulatory Efficiency Reviews.

- **The first edition of the Economic Analysis Manual and its corresponding appendix**, which assists agencies in identifying best practices and provides direction to state agencies for preparing the economic analyses that agencies must conduct when proposing rules.
- **The first edition of the Rulemaking Guide and its corresponding appendices**, which supports agencies in identifying and expanding opportunities for implementing efficiencies in the processes by which agencies adopt rules.

For any questions or recommendations for forthcoming editions, please contact TREO Director, Jerome Greener, at Jerome.Greener@gov.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Black".

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