

## Grant Smith

My name is Grant Smith. We have had an inspection only business since 1985 with multiple locations in the Houston area. It is no secret that labor and operating expenses have increased greatly. We have been asked by some of our customers why we have never increased our price for the inspection. We tell them, we do not have the luxury of dictating our own price. It is set by the State of Texas. While other businesses can adjust their pricing based on their expenses, inspection station owners cannot. There has never been an increase in the emissions testing price. We have had to absorb all increases in operating expenses these many years. We feel that a price cap of \$28.50 is fair. That will allow the market to decide how much is charged based on the socioeconomic factors of each location.

While we understand the TCEQ is not responsible for the elimination of the safety inspection, we know this was a mistake. There are too many drivers on the roads willing to drive with bald tires, non-working brake lights, etc. especially in large cities like Houston. It cannot be left up to the driver to maintain their vehicles in a manner that is safe for all the good people of Texas.  
God bless Texas!