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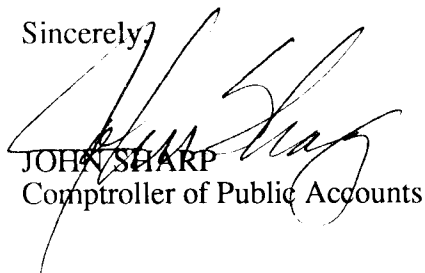
I am pleased to submit the audited *Texas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1997. This report presents the financial position and results of operations for Texas in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed in pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Accordingly, it enables the reader to assess the state's management of its financial resources.

The continued health of the Texas economy and sound financial management are reflected in the state's financial statements for Fiscal Year 1997. Revenues for governmental fund types and expendable trust funds totaled \$41.9 billion for the year, an increase of 4.1 percent over the previous year, while expenditures from these same funds totaled \$39.4 billion for the year, an increase of only 1.0 percent. Expenditures for health and human services, which account for 43.6 percent of total expenditures, decreased from \$17.3 billion to \$17.2 billion. The decrease was due primarily to the declining food stamp program. Education expenditures increased 4.7 percent to \$12.4 billion, or 31.5 percent of total expenditures. Expenditures for general government constitute 3.4 percent of total expenditures or \$1.3 billion.

The report contains five sections: the introduction, the financial section, the statistical section, the supplementary schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and supplementary bond schedules. The accuracy and completeness of the report are the responsibility of the Comptroller and represent our commitment to responsible financial reporting. This CAFR report includes a copy of the seventh *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* awarded to the State of Texas by the Government Finance Officers Association for the state's previous CAFR, published in 1997. This certificate is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local governmental financial reports.

I hope you find this report useful and informative.

Sincerely,

  
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