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## **Dear Friends,**

Last week was one of the best yet- I was able to lay out five bills in committee (more than I had presented total at that point!), voted on several important pieces of legislation, and spent time at home opening our District Office and getting feedback at the HD10 Town Hall.

Thank you for your prayers and support thus far- I look forward to our many accomplishments this session!

## **COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

This week I laid out five separate bills in front of committees. This was a important step in advancing my bill package and I'll be working hard to help pass this legislation.

- **[HB 2706](#)**- Business and Industry Committee. HB 2706 amends amounts in current law relating to personal property exempt from seizure by creditors in the Property Code to reflect inflation since the dates of original enactment.
- **[HB 2428](#)**- Judiciary Civil Jurisprudence Committee. HB 2428 modifies some provisions of the Uniform Act to adapt it to Texas, to provide clarity and to provide greater protection to Texans who are beneficiaries of estates and trusts.
- **[HB 2419](#)**- Judiciary Civil Jurisprudence Committee. HB 2419 proposes certain changes to Texas law designed to, among other things, keep the Estates Code in

line with developments in case law and other substantive areas of law, streamline and simplify estates related issues, clarify ambiguities, and correct technical deficiencies.

- [HB 1187](#)- Defense and Veteran Affairs Committee. HB 1187 would designate the segment of US Highway 287 within the city of Midlothian as the Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield Memorial Highway, who tragically lost their lives while assisting a Marine Corps veteran.
- [HB 3918](#)- Investments ad Financial Services Committee. HB 3918 aims to protect Texas taxpayers and property owners by prohibiting the execution of private activity bonds to finance, in whole or in part, the construction or operation of an electric railway.

## TAX CUTS

The House Republican Caucus unveiled a sweeping tax relief plan that will provide nearly \$5 billion in permanent tax relief for every individual and business in Texas. [HB 31](#) cuts the state sales tax rate from 6.25% to 5.95%. This is real, tangible tax relief that will benefit families and businesses of all sizes every time they purchase something. Today, Texas has the 12th highest state sales tax rate in America. [HB 31](#) will drop Texas on that list to #26.

Second, [HB 32](#) cuts the franchise tax rate by 25% across-the-board for all businesses, large and small, that currently pay the franchise tax. Retailers and wholesalers will pay 0.375%, and all other businesses will pay 0.75%.

In conclusion, this tax cut is real. My constituents will see it on every sales tax receipt, and on their franchise tax bill. This tax cut is permanent. It cannot be eroded by local rate hikes or rising appraisals. And it cuts taxes for every single Texan, whether they rent or own, whether their business is big or small. In short, this plan delivers more tax relief to more taxpayers, and that means it will yield more economic growth.



You can hear a detailed explanation of the proposal [here](#) - it's definitely worth a listen.

## **TOWN HALL**

Friday, I had the opportunity to return to the district for my District Office Opening and Town Hall event. I want to thank my friends, family and neighbors for coming out and participating in both events. At the Town Hall, I laid out and discussed many of the bills I've authored along with the important issues being addressed this session. It's important to me that constituents get regular updates and have access to their Representatives. I'm grateful to be able to break away from the Capitol and come home and visit with those I'm privileged to represent.



## **HIGH SPEED RAIL MEETING**

[Texas Central Railway](#) will be hosting [Open House Informational Meeting](#) on Thursday (4/16) in Ennis to discuss proposed high-speed rail service between Dallas and Houston. This is a great opportunity for you to express your concerns with the project and to learn more about the proposed high-speed rail.

Here are the details of the meeting:

April 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Madison Hall

906 South Kaufman

Ennis, TX 75119

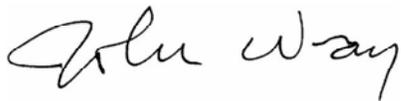
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You can reach our Austin office at (512) 463-0516 and our District Office at (972) 938-9392. You can always shoot an email to [district10.wray@house.state.tx.us](mailto:district10.wray@house.state.tx.us) too!

Our District Office is up and running - during session, the hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. It's located at 133 Chieftain Drive, Suite 103 Waxahachie, TX 75165.

50 days til "Sine Die" (last day of session) - make sure you're voice is [heard!](#)

God Bless you and God Bless Texas!



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