



State Representative
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Dist. 67
Rotunda Report

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Legislative Update

Over the course of the past several months I have embarked on a “listening tour” throughout District 67 to gain a full understanding of the needs and desires of my constituency. After meeting with constituents, community and business leaders, parents, teachers, educators and various elected officials to discuss the issues relevant to our state and community, I have pre-filed my initial legislative package on behalf of my district in advance of the 84th Legislative Session, which convenes January 13, 2015.

Most notably, I filed HB 201, the “Open Access to Water Act,” to expedite the permitting process for water reservoirs and remove undue red tape to ensure a more timely and efficient permitting process to address our scarce water needs in North Texas. I also filed HB 202 and HB 203, providing substantial funding for our state's estimated \$5 billion shortfall for public roadways in Texas, without raising taxes. As stewards of your hard-earned taxpayer dollars, one of the utmost priorities of the Legislature next session will be prioritizing the core competencies of government – such as critical infrastructure including water and transportation – in order to sustain our state’s quality of life.

Furthermore, I filed a variety of other bills related to tax relief, improving public education, promoting the sanctity of life, advocating for our treasured Second Amendment rights, making our neighborhoods safer and advancing a more honest and open government. I will continue meeting with constituents and stakeholders over the course of the next several weeks and during the legislative session to ensure that my office is responsive to the needs of the people we serve and that we are effectively advocating on their behalf in Austin. With that, we have [updated our website](#) with helpful tools to navigate and review our [legislative agenda](#) and see what we’ve been up to. With that in mind, I encourage you to contact me anytime to let us know how we may serve you.

District Spotlight!

Earlier this year my office launched the formation of the District 67 Student Leadership Advisory Council - a group of young, bright students who I meet with regularly to engage in open-ended discussions on the legislative process and the role and inner-workings of Texas State Government. These are the future leaders of Texas and I am proud to serve as their advocate in the Texas House!



Pictured above: Rep. Leach and the 2014-2015 inaugural class of the District 67 Student Leadership Advisory Council

We've moved, AND, Save the Date!

Our District Office has moved! Please make a note of our new location: **777 E. 15th Street, Suite 202, Plano, TX 75074**. Also, with the holidays quickly approaching, please save the date for my Christmas Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 9th from 4:00 – 5:30 PM at Angela's Crosswalk in Plano. More information will be sent in the coming weeks, so please mark your calendar.

Serving the wonderful people of Collin County in your Texas House is a sincere honor and a privilege. I look forward, with great anticipation, to a productive legislative session and encourage you to contact my office if there is any way I may serve you.

Blessings,

Jeff Leach