



Dear Friends,

It was a busy and productive week in the Texas House and many bills were voted out of committee and are on their way to the House floor. This week I laid out three important bills.

[House Bill 6](#), which I talked in depth about a couple weeks ago, is the Teachers' Bill of Rights. This bill is designed to strengthen the authority of teachers in managing classroom discipline while ensuring all students receive a structured and supportive educational experience. The bill expands teachers' ability to maintain order, safeguard student safety, and uphold academic integrity in their classrooms. House Bill 6 affirms our commitment to teachers, ensuring they have the necessary tools to foster a safe, effective, and uninterrupted learning environment for all students. I look forward to voting this bill out of committee and sending it to the House floor.

I also laid out [House Bill 762](#) in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. This bill is a crucial step forward toward protecting taxpayer dollars and stopping excessive severance payouts in our cities and counties. HB 762 caps severance pay at 20 weeks and prohibits payouts for misconduct, ensuring public funds are used responsibly. Proud to carry this bill to ensure fiscal responsibility and transparency.

I was also honored to lay out [House Bill 748](#) on Wednesday – also known as Trey's Law. Trey's Law forbids non-disclosure agreements from being used to prevent victims of sexual abuse or assault from disclosing their abuse to others. In short - this bill empowers survivors to speak out, seek justice, and protect others from harm. The brave men and women who came forward to share their painful experiences are the true champions of this effort. Their voices, filled with courage and resilience, have paved the way for lasting change. I'm proud to let you know that our committee unanimously passed Trey's Law yesterday and we look forward to the full House passing it soon.



THIS WEEK IN THE TEXAS CAPITOL

This week I was proud to honor the North Texas Warrior Golf Association in the Texas House. Since 2011, NTWGA has grown to an all veteran board of directors and volunteers, with a focus on disabled veterans helping disabled veterans right here in Texas. They transformed to more than just a golf organization but a mental health wellness organization that provides “Cart Therapy” to help transition combat-wounded veterans into civilian life. Over the past 14 years , they have changed the lives of hundreds of veterans, providing thousands of rounds of golf but more importantly they have provided more than 10,000 hours of peer to peer counseling for combat disabled military veterans. Their program provides peer to peer therapy, mentorship, career networking , and family unit bonding to create healthy veterans inside and out. That greatest number I can report is ZERO suicides. In an age where the veteran suicide rate is more than 17 a day, in 14 years NTWGA has had ZERO members become a part of that horrific statistic.

I also got to have my family join me in Austin this week for their Spring Break! My kids - Brady, Charlotte & Landry – as well as my niece and nephew – Jack & Maren – were able to join me on the House floor and the dias.



And Becky and I got to take a picture with the Texas Rangers World Series trophy! It was great having my family in town!



Have a great weekend!

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Tuesday: Convene at 2pm
- Wednesday: Convene at 10am
- Thursday: Convene at 10am
- Friday: Convene at 9am

Rep Leach Authored Bill Hearings:

[House Bill 7](#) – Parents’ Bill of Rights – March 25th

[House Bill 3163](#) - Relating to the county in which an application for court-ordered mental health services must be filed – March 26th
(more likely to be announced later today)

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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