

Dear Friends,

The first [House calendar](#) is set! Next week, April 1, we will begin to hear and debate bills on the House floor. Here's a couple highlights of what's coming up this week:

We have multiple bills coming to the House floor that will cut and ban taxes in Texas:

- [HJR 1](#): \$250,000 Personal Property Exemption for Businesses
- [HJR 2](#): Prohibiting a Death Tax
- [HJR 4](#): Banning New Taxes on Financial Transactions
- [HJR 6](#): Prohibiting a Capital Gains Tax
- [HB 22](#): Eliminating Property Tax on Intangible Personal Property

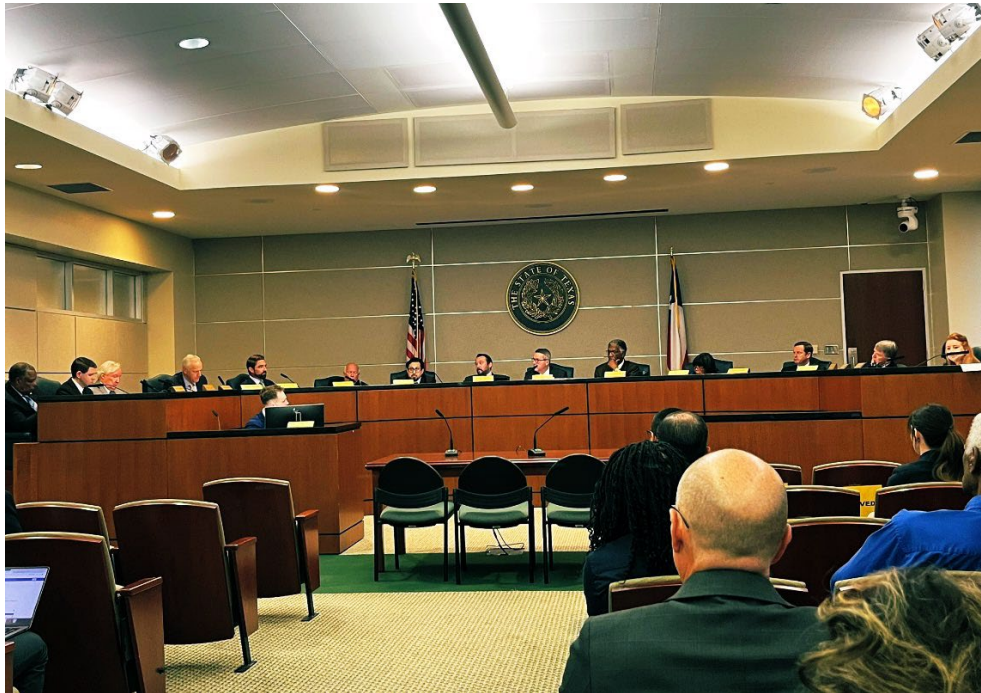
[HB 195](#), which I'm proud to joint author, is ultimately a transparency bill for taxpayers. This bill will let you know how much of your property taxes are going towards your local schools and how much is sent back to the state in recapture. As taxpayers, we have the right to know how our money is being spent, and as a legislature we have a duty to uphold that right. I look forward to seeing this bill pass the Texas House.

Another important bill being heard next week is [House Bill 13](#) by my friend and colleague, Representative Ken King. This bill will help strengthen Texas' response and recovery efforts in regards to wildfires. HB 13 creates the Texas Interoperability Council which is tasked with developing and coordinating the implementation of a statewide strategic plan for emergency communication and alerts – ensuring that all entities have the tools they need in these critical, and often life threatening, situations.

In committee this week, I had the privilege of laying out [House Bill 7](#), the Parents' Bill of Rights. This legislation empowers parents, protects students and strengthens transparency in Texas Schools. Parents should be key partners in their child's education, not bystanders. HB 7 ensures that by:

- Requiring TEA to publicly outline parents' rights
- Giving parents access to their child's library book records
- Restoring opt-in requirements for sex education
- Strengthens in the Do-Not-Hire registry to better protect students
- Clarifying and enforcing parental grievance procedures

I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this important legislation across the finish line this session.



THIS WEEK IN THE TEXAS CAPITOL

We had many fun groups in the Texas House with us this week. I loved celebrating the State Champion Plano East men's basketball team on the House floor. Under Coach Matt Wester, Plano East made history, becoming the first 6A school to complete an undefeated season and cap it off with a title. Congrats Panthers!



We also welcomed members from the Texas Retired Teachers Association. I was proud to give them a cost of living adjustment as well as a 13th paycheck last session and I look forward to continuing to lock arms with them this session. We are thankful for our retired teachers who continue to lead, support and inspire long after the classroom!



I also had the pleasure of meeting with our Collin County Association of Realtors. I've always said realtors have a unique insight into our community and do an outstanding job advocating for property owners across our great state. Thank you for coming to the Texas Capitol!



Thank you to Americans for Prosperity for awarding me the School Choice Trailblazer Award! Every child deserves access to the best education possible and I'll never stop fighting for students, parents and educational freedom in Texas.



And last, but certainly not least, I was proud to honor Professional Golfer, Sergio Garcia on the House floor. Sergio's dedication to his game has led him to become one of the most consistent players in all of golf, with numerous wins and accolades under his belt, including that long-awaited victory at the 2017 Masters, a testament to his enduring spirit and hard work. Beyond his achievements on the course, Sergio has shown a commitment to giving back. His charitable efforts, particularly through the Sergio Garcia Foundation, have touched countless lives. He inspires young athletes to pursue their dreams while reminding us all of the importance of community and support. An amazing day that I will not soon forget!





Have a great weekend friends!

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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