



Dear Friends,

I hope everyone fared well from the storms we've had this week and are able to get out and enjoy a beautiful weekend! With less than 40 days remaining this session, we've been working around the clock and late into the night hearing and passing bills. Here's some highlights of what happened this week.

BILLS PASSED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR

I was proud to co-author and support [HB 1481](#) which will restrict cell phones in our classrooms. Many studies have shown that cell phones not only cause major distractions in classrooms but are also harming the mental health of our students – both of which ultimately effect student academic outcomes. States where cell phones were prohibited in classrooms saw rises in student academic success and higher test scores. Likewise, teachers from across our state have voiced concerns that phones create a barrier to their teaching success. This bill will not only help our students to succeed but will likewise allow teachers to better manage their classrooms. A win-win all around!

As people continue to flock to Texas, the demands on our infrastructure rise. We have noticed an increased demand for electricity and a growing need for clean, reliable and dispatchable energy sources. [House Bill 14](#), which I supported and resoundingly passed the Texas House, will create the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office as well as a new fund that provides grants to developers looking to build new generation. Nuclear energy could provide a viable solution to our state's needs while fostering economic growth and energy security.

[Senate Bill 5](#) creates the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT), a bold initiative to accelerate groundbreaking research into dementia and related disorders. With \$3 billion in funding over the next decade – contingent on voter approval – DPRIT will drive innovation, improve health outcomes for Texans, and position our state as a national leader in dementia research. I was proud to support and co-sponsor SB 5 because Texas should lead the way in finding answers and delivering hope to millions.

Lastly, I joint authored [House Bill 37](#) – Everly’s Law – which establishes a program of bereavement care for families experiencing neonatal loss or still birth. This legislation ensures that families receive the care and support they need in one of the darkest times of their lives. Proud to support this bill!

WOMEN AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT

This morning I laid out [House Bill 5510](#) – the Women and Child Protection Act – in the House Committee on State Affairs. This bill is a necessary and urgent step to protect Texas women and their unborn children from the dangers of illegal abortion drug trafficking. Out-of-state abortion profiteers are flooding our state with deadly pills, leaving vulnerable women to suffer severe health risks – hemorrhage, sepsis, and even death – without any medical oversight or care. These drugs not only take the lives of innocent children but also abandon their mothers to trauma and suffering, all while their exploiters remain immune from accountability. This bill ensures that those responsible for injury and death from abortion drugs can be held liable, offering justice for women and their children.



COMMITTEE HEARINGS

This week I laid out multiple bills in committee and wanted to highlight a couple of those for you. In the Defense & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, I laid out [House Bill 2537](#) – a bill I proudly authored to expand access to high-quality legal support for Texas veterans navigating the VA claims process. This legislation allows the state to partner with experienced, accredited attorneys and nonprofit organizations to provide trusted, no-cost

representation for veterans. In essence, this bill is about cutting red tape, strengthening advocacy, and standing behind the men and women who stood for us.

[House Bill 4685](#) was unfortunately another bill born out of tragedy. In August of last year, a student in Houston ISD had a medical emergency but the AED on his school campus wasn't functional and the student tragically passed away. This important legislation will enhance safety at our schools by requiring a school's fire inspection to include the inspection of AED devices on a school campus to ensure full functionality. I look forward to getting this vital bill across the finish line this session!

HONORARY PAGE – JAX EWING

I enjoyed having Jax Ewing from McKinney as our honorary page in the Texas House this week. Jax, 13 next week, has an interest public service and serving his community someday. He got a special behind-the-scenes look at the workings of the Texas House and maybe even got to partake in some Blue Bell ice cream. Thanks for spending your morning with us Jax!



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Monday: Convene at 11am
- Tuesday: Convene at 10am

- Wednesday: Convene at 10am
- Thursday: Convene at 10am
- Friday: Convene at 9am

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 "L".

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