



Dear Friends,

Wow! I can't believe we're already in May. There's one month left of session and while much has been accomplished already, our work is far from over and I'm working hard to get our conservative priorities over the finish line.

REP LEACH BILLS ON THE MOVE

[House Bill 1760](#), Lauren and CJ's Law, was overwhelmingly passed out of the Texas House this week and is headed to the Senate. This bill, born out of tragedy, will make intoxication manslaughter a minimum 5 year sentence. In 2015, Lauren and CJ Davis were out celebrating CJ's 26th birthday, a date night out with tickets to the Mavericks game. While crossing the street on the way to the game, a drunk driver struck and killed them both. It took three and a half years before any sentence would be delivered and in the end, the man, who had previous DWIs, would serve only 4 months behind bars and a probation sentence. When a life is lost due to another's reckless, dangerous and illegal behavior, we must ensure that the punishment fits the crime and that justice is served.

The House also passed my bill, [HB 762](#), which puts an end to outrageous taxpayer-funded "golden parachutes" for public employees and contractors who are fired for misconduct. No one should get a severance check on their way out the door after breaking the public's trust. A win for transparency and fiscal responsibility!



Another one of my bills that passed the House unanimously this week is [House Bill 2498](#). This legislation promotes second chances and workforce development by excluding certain offenses from agency licensure consideration if five years have passed since conviction or end of incarceration (whichever is later) without any new conviction. Meaningful employment is key for people who are trying to start over, be good neighbors, and seize their second chance. When an individual can find employment after serving their time, it reduces the chances they'll return to crime and incarceration. Too often, these men and women can struggle to find good work—in part due to barriers that limit access to a state license needed to work in high-pay, high-demand professions.

In the Committee on Public Health, I laid out [House Bill 4076](#). Under current law, a sick fellow Texan can be kept from receiving a life-saving organ donation simply because he or she isn't vaccinated. By establishing protections, HB 4076 aims to ensure that transplant eligibility decisions in Texas are fair, individualized, and based on legitimate medical considerations rather than non-medical institutional policies. No one should be refused life-saving care based solely on vaccination status.



I also laid out as the House sponsor, [Senate Bill 24](#). This legislation will make sure that Texas students learn the horrors and truth about communism and, importantly, why America must stand against it. The fight for freedom starts in the classroom and I'm proud to carry this bill and help get it across the finish line.

IMPORTANT BILLS AWAITING SENATE HEARING

I have a few bills that have passed the House and are awaiting hearings in the Senate. I want to highlight two of those for you and encourage you to reach out to your State Senator to get these important bills a hearing.

The first one is [House Bill 6](#) – the Teachers’ Bill of Rights. I’ve highlighted this bill in past Rotunda Reports but just as a refresher this is the bill that will restore order in the classroom by ensuring that teachers have the authority and are empowered to maintain a safe and effective learning environment.

Our teachers should be spending their time educating, not constantly managing disruptions and disciplinary issues. House Bill 6 ensures that educators have the tools and authority necessary to uphold classroom discipline, allowing them to focus on what they do best—teaching the next generation of Texans. House Bill 6 reflects a commitment to prioritizing the needs of teachers, students, and parents alike—ensuring Texas classrooms remain places of learning, not constant disruption.

The other bill is [House Bill 748](#), Trey’s Law – which has been awaiting a hearing in the Texas Senate since April 9th after unanimously passing the House. Under Trey’s Law, nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements that attempt to prevent the disclosure of sexual abuse or related facts will be deemed unenforceable as a matter of public policy. Survivors will have the right to speak out, seek justice and protect others without the fear of legal retaliation.

HB 748 passed the House with unanimous bipartisan support, signaling a strong and united commitment to protecting victims and ensuring that predators can no longer hide behind secret legal settlements. It’s time for this bill to get a hearing in the Senate. We must get this done for Trey and for every survivor who has been silenced. It’s our duty and Texas must lead the way.

Once again, I encourage you to help me get these important bills across the finish line by asking your [State Senator](#) to make sure these bills get a hearing before time runs out.

THIS WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

We love when our local bands come to the Texas Capitol and grace us with their amazing musical abilities! This week we welcomed the very talented Clark High School band. Thank you for coming to your Texas Capitol!



I also got to catch up with the Grall family – Jay, Brooke, Lincoln, and the star of the show, Zoe! Zoe qualified to compete in the 100 meter race at the UIL State Track meet representing Melissa High School, one of only two athletes from her school to make it – and had a personal record to boot! Proud of you Zoe!



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 10am
- Saturday: Convene at 11am

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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