

Dear Friends,

At the stroke of midnight last night, we reached one of this session's deadlines. Yesterday was the last day to hear House Bills on second reading and it was a marathon day with hundreds of bills passing the Texas House.

CONSERVATIVE BILLS ON THE MOVE

I was proud to author [HB 229](#) – the Women's Bill of Rights - with my friend and colleague, Representative Ellen Troxclair. This bill defines what a woman is thus further protecting women in sports, schools, private spaces, and more. Texans know what a woman is and it was past time we put the definition into statute.

Another bill I was proud to author and support is [House Bill 5138](#) by fellow Collin County Rep, Matt Shaheen. The Texas House has been hard at work fighting for election integrity this session and HB 5138 is another bill aimed at that goal. This legislation gives the Attorney General the ability to prosecute election fraud – cracking down on future incidences.

I was also honored to stand beside my friend, Rep Cody Harris, as the Texas House passed [SB 2308](#). This bill, which I'm proud to sponsor, is a major step forward in addressing the opioid crisis, especially for our veterans. This legislation supports FDA trials for ibogaine, a promising treatment for opioid addiction and related mental health struggles. Our veterans deserve every opportunity for healing and SB 2308 is about giving them real hope.



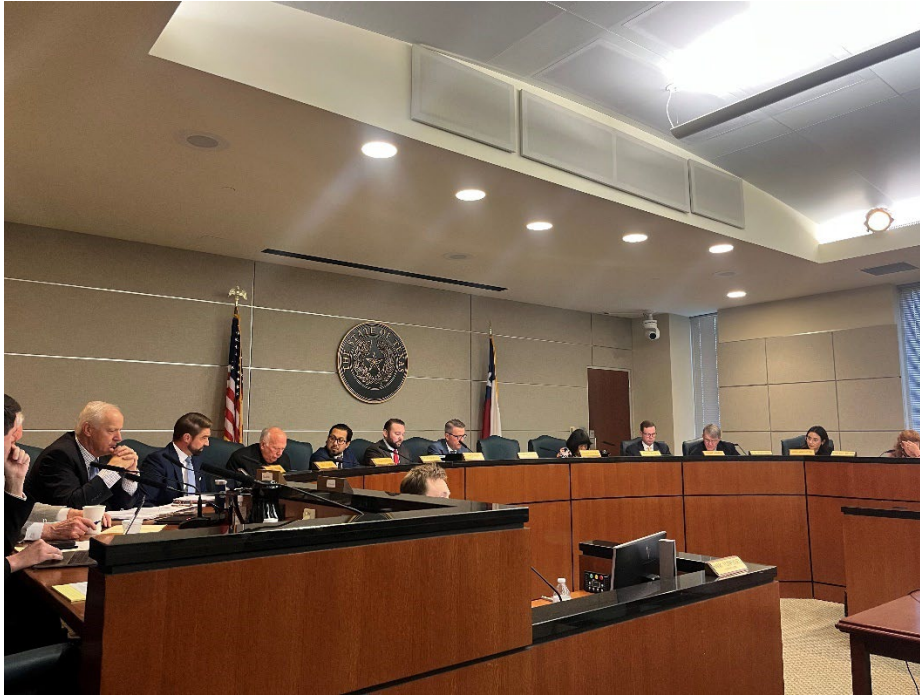
Protecting our kids from sexual predators is a priority for me and my colleagues in the Texas House. I was proud to speak in support of [HB 4623](#) which removes sovereign immunity from school districts in cases of educator sexual assault. I'm normally a less lawsuits, more tort reform legislator, but when it comes to protecting our children and cracking down on child abuse and educator misconduct, if we need lawsuits to do that, bring them on.



As everyone gets close to winding up another school year, I'm happy to report that the Texas House passed [HB 4](#) – legislation that will get rid of the dreaded STAAR test once and for all. I was proud to co-author and support this legislation that will eliminate the STAAR test and replace it with a faster, low-stakes test. The days of waiting until after school is out to find out how your student did on the STAAR test are gone. The new test will assess students progress in real-time, giving teachers valuable information they need during the school year and reducing stress on our students. A win for everyone!

And while we're on the subject of education, I want to take a moment to mention [SB 12](#) – the Parents' Bill of Rights – which I laid out to the Public Education Committee earlier this

week. This transformative bill puts parents back in the driver's seat - guaranteeing transparency, protecting family values, and eliminating divisive radical mandates from our public schools. From timely health notifications and access to student records, to a clear grievance process and greater say in curriculum - SB12 is about restoring trust and reinforcing the role of parents in Texas education. I'm proud to lead the charge for Texas families!



I know everyone is wondering what is happening with **HB 2** – the House’s landmark public education finance bill. While I’m happy to report that the bill was finally heard in the Senate Public Education committee this past week, I know we are far from a final version of that bill. We are continuing to monitor HB 2 as it takes form and I expect it will end up in conference committee to be further hashed out. Rest assured, we won’t rest until our students and teachers receive the funding they deserve and need and I will update you as things continue to develop.

PROTECTING TEXANS FROM HOSTILE FOREIGN NATIONS

I have heard loud and clear from my constituents about their concerns over hostile foreign nations getting a foothold in Texas. I’m proud to report that over the last two weeks, the Texas House has taken a number of steps to protect Texans and their property.

- **[HB 119](#) - COMBATting INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC POLICY** – prevents hostile foreign influence on state policymaking by prohibiting lobbyists from receiving compensation to represent foreign adversaries or entities linked to them.

- **HB 130 – PROTECTING GENETIC DATA** - banning medical & genetic research privacy by facilities from using genome sequencing technology developed or controlled by foreign adversaries.
- **HB 129 – REFORMING CONTRACTING** – prohibits companies with ties to adversarial nations from securing state government contracts, except in critical cases where no viable alternative exists.
- **HB 132 – STRENGTHENING HOMELAND SECURITY** - expands confidentiality laws to keep sensitive data - like emergency response plans, risk assessments, and critical infrastructure details - from falling into enemy hands.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Monday: Convene at 10am
- 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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