



Dear Friends,

Last Monday, June 2nd, we adjourned the 89th Legislature sine die. As I reflect back on the last 140 days, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for engaging with me, supporting me and even challenging me. It's my honor to serve you in the Texas House and a privilege that I don't take lightly. Because of you, the constituents, we were able to craft legislation that is meaningful and impactful – not just for us, but for future generations to come.

We had a great session full of conservative victories and I'm proud of what we accomplished. In this final Rotunda Report, I've tried to summarize the important legislation that we passed but this is by no means an exhaustive list.

THE 2025-2026 BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET

The only item we are required to pass each session is the State Budget. I'm proud to say that the budget we passed stays well below spending limits and reinforces Texas' reputation for smart, fiscal responsibility that puts taxpayers first. Specifically we allotted:

- \$51 billion to property tax relief – an increase of \$11 billion from the previous state budget
- \$75 billion for Public Education – an increase of \$8.5 billion from the last biennium
- Over \$215 million for rural healthcare and grants for new ambulances
- \$30 billion for road projects across Texas
- \$2.5 billion for water and flood infrastructure
- \$340 million for new mental health beds, plus \$54 million for youth crisis outreach
- \$250 million to support semiconductor and microchip manufacturing
- And more...

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ALL TEXANS

This session we passed multiple bills in an effort to provide much-needed property tax relief for homeowners and business owners. Building on last session, I was proud to cosponsor [SB 4](#) which will increase the homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 – significantly decreasing the taxable value of homes. The exemption is even greater for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Through [SB 23](#) we raised their homestead exemption from \$110,000 to \$200,000. This will provide real relief that homeowners will see reflected on their tax statements.

Likewise, Texas businesses will also see relief. In Texas, businesses not only pay property taxes on land or buildings, they also pay a "personal property tax" on any tangible item used to generate income, such as inventory, machinery, and equipment. Currently, the state only exempts \$2,500 in the taxable value of that property. [House Bill 9](#) increases that exemption to \$125,000, making it the nation's second largest exemption of its kind. This will allow businesses to continue creating jobs and investing in our growing economy. A win-win for everyone!

MAJOR WINS FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I was honored to serve on the Public Education committee in the Texas House. Through many meetings and committee hearings that often went late into the night, we were able to hear directly from administrators, educators and parents on the challenges they were facing and draft legislation that addressed those concerns.

[House Bill 2](#) is headed to Governor Abbott's desk and will provide a historic \$8.5 billion boost for public schools. This legislation provides targeted funding where schools need it most – teacher pay raises, special education and school safety – while also raising the basic allotment to allow schools the flexibility to use those funds for basic costs.

Likewise, we also passed [SB 2](#), which will provide \$1 billion over the biennium in Educational Savings Accounts for those that apply and are qualified to receive the funds. This legislation empowers Texas parents with more freedom to choose the best educational path for their children. Every child in Texas deserves access to a high-quality education that fits their unique needs, and this legislation brings us one step closer to making that a reality for every family.

My bill, [House Bill 6](#) – the Teachers' Bill of Rights – is a vital piece of legislation that our teachers and schools desperately needed and I was proud to get this over the finish line for them this session. To put it simply - this bill is about standing with our educators, ensuring they have the support they need to create a structured and focused learning environment. After all, to recruit amazing teachers to the classroom and to retain them there, we must give them the ability to maintain discipline without unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles. HB 6 addresses those issues head on.

Additionally, we passed [Senate Bill 12](#) which I was honored to carry in the House. This landmark bill enshrines the strongest protections for Texas students and their parents anywhere in America. It reaffirms what we know to be true: parents matter and they deserve a seat at the table when it comes to their child's education.

And we protected our kids by requiring the inspection of schools' AED devices through [SB 1177](#) and required CPR training for school employees through [SB 865](#).

PROTECTING OUR KIDS

Protecting our kids has continued to be a priority not only for me, but for the Texas Legislature as a whole. This session I was proud to author and pass a multitude of bills aimed at doing just that. We passed [SB 835](#), Trey's Law, which will prevent NDAs from being used in cases of sexual abuse or assault. These victims deserve to not only speak out but to protect others by doing so. We also passed [SB 2024](#) which cracks down on deceptive e-cigarette or vape products manufactured by China that are specifically targeting out kids. This bill bans these dangerous devices along with products that are laced with intoxicating substances or manufactured in China. Another bill I was proud to sponsor and help get across the finish line was [Senate Bill 571](#). SB 571 builds on legislation from previous sessions to further prevent inappropriate relationships between students and teachers by closing dangerous loopholes. Additionally, we passed [SB 412](#) which closes a loophole to protect children from being shown obscene materials.

We also passed [HB 1481](#) which gives school districts the ability to restrict the use of personal devices during the school day and [SB 2420](#) - the App Store Accountability Act - which protects minors from abuse, exploitation, and trafficking by cracking down on sexually inappropriate content, closing legal loopholes, and holding public institutions accountable. It's imperative that we preserve the innocence of Texas children and shield them from explicit content.

STRENGTHENING TEXAS' JUDICIAL SYSTEM

As Chair of the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee for my fourth session, I have the honor and privilege to hear directly from our Judges, court reporters, the Texas Judicial Council, the Office of the Attorney General and more - to listen to their needs and the challenges they face. This session we passed multiple bills that help strengthen our justice system and support our judiciary. At the very last minute of session, we passed [SB 293](#) which delivers long overdue, well deserved pay raises for Texas judges. This was an essential step to maintaining a strong and qualified judiciary in Texas and - importantly - this bill finally delinks judicial pay raises from legislative pensions. Additionally, through [SB 2878](#), we were able to create 14 new district courts, one new probate court and one new county court at law throughout Texas. I'm proud of all that we accomplished for our courts this session and I know that these improvements will ensure fair, equitable and expedient justice in Texas.

BAIL REFORM TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES

For too long, activist judges have handed out low bail to repeat offenders, putting them right back on our streets and endangering innocent Texans. With the passage of [SJR 5](#) and [SB 9](#) we are giving judges the tools they need to make risk-based decisions, and keep violent criminals where they belong – behind bars. Texans deserve safe communities, and we are leading the charge to make that happen.

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

In a major step forward for veterans and all Texans impacted by trauma and opioid addiction, over \$50 million in funding has been secured to advance critical research and treatment efforts for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and opioid recovery, including \$6 million directed to the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) to continue its pioneering work in this field.

This investment will fuel innovative research, including the development of a dime-sized, wireless vagus nerve stimulation (VNS) device pioneered at UTD - a potential game-changer for patients who have exhausted traditional treatment options. Also contributing to this forward momentum is the recent passage of [SB 2308](#), legislation that paves the way for FDA clinical trials of ibogaine - a promising psychedelic treatment for opioid addiction and related mental health struggles.

I was also proud to carry and pass [SB 1858](#) which ensures that school districts can receive funding through the Bulletproof Vest and Body Armor Grant Program to equip their officers with the gear they need.

REFORMING HEALTHCARE FOR TEXANS

A bill that I have been working on for a couple of sessions now was [SB 1257](#). This bill is simple. If an insurance plan covers gender reassignment procedures and treatments then they must also cover the short and long-term side effects as well as treatment for those who want to reverse those procedures. I'm proud to say that this bill has already been signed by Governor Abbott!

I also authored [HB 4076](#) which will prevent someone from being denied a life-saving organ transplant based solely on their vaccine status. Another bill on it's way to the Governor's desk!

We brought transparency to new – and often costly – healthcare mandates with the passage of [HB 138](#) and ensured mothers receive information about perinatal palliative care when give

a life-limiting or fatal diagnosis for their unborn child through [SB 1233](#). I was proud to author and sponsor both of these bills.

AND MORE...

We also defended your fundamental rights and freedoms, safeguarded our elections, protected Texas by banning hostile foreign nations from owning land, and much more. This session we advanced bold, conservative legislation that reflects the values, priorities and principles that our community stands for. I'm honored to represent House District 67 and will always fight for the policies that matter most to you. I'm looking forward to seeing you around the district soon! Until then...



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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