



Friends,

Like many of you, our home is without power and internet at the moment. So I'm happy to be writing this update from Two Rows Restaurant in Allen, owned and operated by my friend and Allen City Councilmember, Baine Brooks. He's open today — as are many of our local establishments - working hard to serve and feed the masses. A great way to warm up and get a good meal!

Here's the latest:

After another frigid night, including more substantial snow and freezing precipitation across the state, the issues relating to ERCOT's ability to generate and restore electric loads all across Texas continue. In our area, ERCOT is working with ONCOR and CoServ and making the necessary adjustments to outage and blackout rotations to try to restore capacity to the system.

I remain very concerned (and ticked off) that many in our area continue on without power going on 2-3 days. Be assured we are doing everything we possibly can to advocate and, yes, fight on your behalf. Slowly but surely, we're making progress and power is being restored. But so much remains to be done.

For instance, one of the issues that consumed much of our attention last night was fighting against ERCOT's apparent attempt to draw down power supplied to and utilized by the North Texas Municipal Water District. What was chalked up to a misunderstanding and miscommunication caused a lot of concern for me and other legislators and local leaders. Thankfully, we were able to knock enough heads together to avoid such a disastrous decision.

Frankly, I am sick and tired of the miscommunication and the misunderstandings. I know you are too! Working with ERCOT and some of our providers reminds me of a giant game of hot potato — where no one wants to be held responsible for making such important decisions. Everyone eager to pass the potato to the next guy in line ... and no one willing to take responsibility for bad decisions that were already made.

You expect and deserve better. We all do. Real lives and real livelihoods are hanging in the balance. I cannot express to you my frustration and anger at where we are and how we got here. Make no mistake, this could have and should have been avoided. And we

will get to the bottom of how/why we got here and will do what we need to do to ensure it never happens again.

But for now, we must be laser-focused on getting us out of this mess we're in. And you have my commitment to do just that.

As weather improves and as grid capacity slowly increases, I fully expect power to gradually be restored over the next 12-24 hours across much of the District. If you're still experiencing rolling blackouts, you'll likely continue to experience those rolling outages for the next 1-2 days. And while the "on" intervals may get longer... I can't more strongly encourage you to do everything you can to continue to conserve energy. Keep your temps at 68' instead of 72'. Draw down your blinds and close your shades. Turn off non-essential lights and electronics - like landscape and outdoor lighting. (And to those folks down the street who still have your Christmas lights on — now is probably a good time to take those down!)

If you are still without power altogether, I apologize sincerely. It's completely unacceptable and I am working diligently to fix whatever issues remain. I urge you to contact me directly at jeff@jeffleach.com so that I can continue to work to get your situation addressed. Please include your name, address and a brief description of your ongoing situation. If you live outside of HD67, I strongly encourage you to reach out to your own state legislator. If you don't know who that is or how to get in touch with him/her, feel free to reach out to me and I'll do what I can to connect you directly.

Finally, if you are experiencing an emergency situation, do not hesitate to call 911. Our brave and selfless first responders are on our streets right now ready, willing and eager to care for you.

And if you need a warming station, you can visit one of the following locations in our area where I know they'd be happy and eager to serve you (more warming stations are working to come online later today):

PLANO

City of Plano in Conjunction with Grace Church Plano, 3301 Preston Road, Plano

Sent Church, 3701 W Spring Creek Parkway (10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

The Salvation Army, 3528 14th St. Call 214-637-8254. Open 24 hours.

Islamic Association of Collin County - [6401 Independence Pkwy., Plano, TX 75023](#) (Open 24 hours. Bring own blankets.)

RICHARDSON

Fire Station #3, 500 W. Lookout Dr. Open 24 hours.

First United Methodist Church, 503 N. Central Expressway, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Richardson Police Department headquarters lobby, 300 N. Greenville Ave. Open 24 hours.

Richardson Office Building, 500 Lockwood Dr., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

First Baptist Church Richardson, 1001 N Central Expressway. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ALLEN/MCKINNEY

Roy and Helen Hall Library at 101 E. Hunt St. is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McKinney Boyd High School at 600 Lake Forest Dr. is open 24 hours

I've learned not to make promises I can't keep. So I typically avoid doing so. But in this instance, I promise you this: I am fighting like hell on your behalf. And I'll fight like hell to ensure this never happens in Texas again. Not on our watch. Not ever.

Jeff Leach

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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