

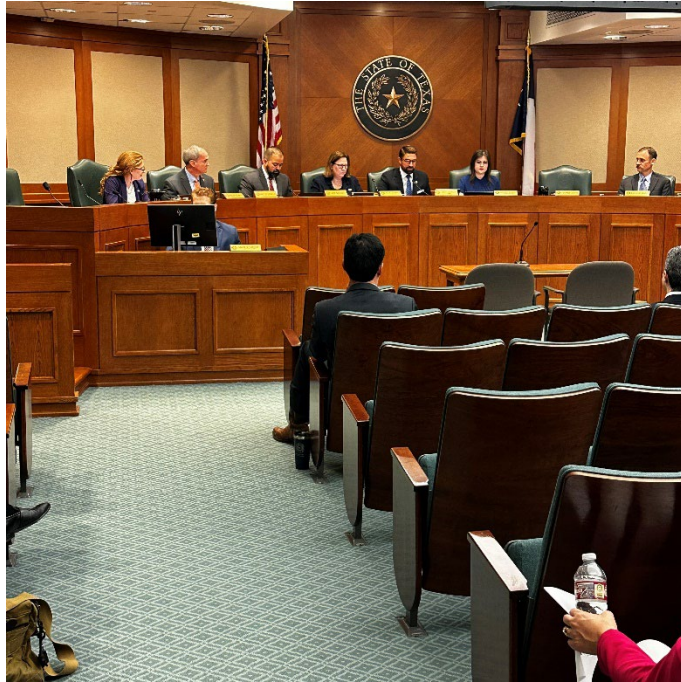
Dear Friends,

I hope you and your family weathered the storms last night! If there is any way our office can help you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS ARE UNDERWAY

This past week, nearly every House committee met for the first (or second) time. The committee I chair, the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, convened for an organizational meeting this past Wednesday. We welcomed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, Nathan Hecht, Judge Emily Miskel of the 5th District Court of Appeals, the Administrative Director for the Office of Court Administration, Megan LaVoie and the Executive Director of the State Bar of Texas, Trey Apffel.

We discussed a variety of issues facing the Judiciary including zoom and remote hearings, safety concerns, data collection, case filings and the overall state of the Judiciary. We're looking forward to a busy few months as we hear and vote on a multitude of bills that will ultimately make our justice system stronger and a beacon for the rest of the Nation.



The House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence met as well where we heard and voted important bills out of committee.

As always, if you want to go back to watch any committee hearings that you missed, you can do so [through this link](#). Likewise, you can find next week's schedule and watch committee hearings live via the same link.

THIS WEEK AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL

It was a very busy and exciting week at the Capitol! We kicked it off Monday with PTA Rally Days. With three kids in public school myself and my wife being the PTA President of our elementary school, I know firsthand the importance of these groups and the impact they have on their schools and districts. I had the pleasure of meeting with and speaking to parents, students and staff from Plano ISD PTA, Allen ISD PTA, Frisco ISD PTA and Wylie ISD PTA. I'm always amazed when students step right up and ask the tough questions. They care deeply about their schools and they know, just as I do, that what we accomplish this year for public education will effect all the future generations to come!



Tuesday and Wednesday were Plano Legislative Days at the Texas Capitol. During those two days I met with a number of Plano constituents, the Plano ISD Board of Trustees, Collin County CASA, Plano Mayor and City Council, the Plano Firefighters Association and spoke to number of community leaders during a dinner on Tuesday evening hosted by the Plano Chamber of Commerce.



Yesterday I had the privilege of discussing important Criminal Justice reforms with my friend and colleague, Representative David Cook and Right on Crime's Brett Tolman at TPPF's Texas Policy Summit. I'm confident that Texas will continue to lead the way on smart and strong criminal justice policies this session.



The Texas House gavels back in Monday March 6th at 2pm, followed by Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am. Tune in live via [this link](#).

Have a great weekend friends!

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeff Leach'.

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