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**Dear Friends,**

Another week has come and gone in Austin, and we are nearly at the 60 day mark, or bill filing deadline! I hope you've had an opportunity to [browse](#) some of the **thousands** of bills that have been filed and [contacted](#) me to let me know what is most important to you. Make sure to weigh in on the poll in this week's Wrap Up, and keep up with us in real time via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## **BORDER SECURITY & HB11**

Although Washington has full responsibility for securing our country's borders, it is Texas who pays the price when action is not taken. Violence is spilling across the border into our state and I feel it's our obligation to put an end to it. Because of this, I have co-authored [HB 11](#), *The Stronger Border, Safer Texas Act*. With this bi-partisan legislation, Texas will increase the amount of security on the border by hiring previously experienced police officers, and create a multiagency border crime information center that will be conveniently located in Hidalgo County. Not only will we tighten security, but the punishment for any type of smuggling will greatly increase. It costs an average of \$200 million a year to incarcerate criminal illegals and that money is coming out of the pockets of Texas taxpayers. Enough is enough. I will continue to support [HB 11](#) because it what our State needs to take control of our borders and protect our citizens.



My House colleagues and I gather for the HB11 Press Conference

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

I am excited to see some of the legislation I've [authored](#) be referred to committees this past week. This is a step in the right direction and I will be working hard to get these bills through their respective committees.

- [HB 1029](#): Relating to Trusts; Referred to Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
- [HB 1051](#): Relating to the TSTC Red Oak Campus; Referred to Higher Education
- [HB 1187](#): Relating to renaming a portion of Hwy 287 after Chris Kyle and Chad Littlefield; Referred to Defense & Veterans' Affairs
- [HB 1245](#): Relating to parole for DWI offenses, creating a biennial study; Referred to Criminal Jurisprudence
- [HB 1301](#): Relating to the use of septic systems; Referred to Environmental Regulation

We've also just been alerted that House Bill 1051 will be heard this Wednesday in the Higher Education Committee. You'll be able to watch [live](#) online!

## Two Steps, One Sticker

As a result of House Bill 2305 passed during the 83rd legislative session (2013), the State of Texas no longer issues inspection stickers and has transitioned to a

"Two Steps, One Sticker" vehicle inspection and registration program. As of March 1, 2015, vehicles are no longer issued inspection stickers. Your registration sticker will serve as a combined proof of registration and inspection. For more information, go to Two Steps, One Sticker [website](#), or click on the image below!



### **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

I value your input and expertise on the many subjects that come across my desk in Austin. Please take a moment and answer this brief poll so I can prioritize the issues that matter most to you!



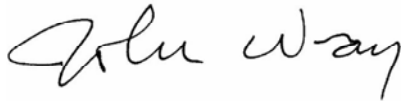
Most Important Legislative Issue

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As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and please contact me if I can be of service.

God Bless you and God Bless Texas,



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