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Friends,

I hope everyone has had a nice summer but it's almost back to school time! To help with this, the legislature created the Sales Tax Holiday to provide families a tax-free weekend to purchase the necessary supplies for the school year. It begins today and lasts until Sunday, August 7th. Most school supplies, backpacks, clothes and footwear under \$100 are exempt. For more details on what qualifies you can visit the Comptroller's website

<http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/>

Voter ID

This past month, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against parts of the Texas Voter ID law. SB 14, the state's Voter ID law, was signed into law by then Governor Rick Perry in 2011 and required a form of photo identification in order to vote. These include drivers' licenses, personal identification cards, U.S. passports, and U.S. military identification cards among others. "Voter fraud... undermines the integrity of our election process." said Governor Abbott in response to the ruling. With the general election looming closer, Texas has reached an agreement to expand the types of acceptable ID for the election in November. The newly allowable forms of ID will include those listed previously along with utility bills, bank statements, paychecks, or voter registration cards. This agreement still must be approved by the U.S. district judge.

Around the District

Last month saw a horrific attack on our very own Dallas police. I was humbled and honored to attend the prayer service memorial for the lost officers. It was heartbreaking to hear from those affected by this tragedy, but it was also very heartening to see the community response as the Dallas area came together to stand by the men and women that serve in our police departments. Thank you to all of our first responders, who put their lives on the line every day for our safety.

Senior Awareness Day

Last Friday, we held our Eighth Annual Senior Awareness Day at the Atrium in Garland. We had over 55 exhibitors with resources, products, and services geared towards senior citizens available at the event as well as 3 different entertainment groups, refreshments, and door prizes. Hundreds of senior citizens from Garland, Richardson, Sachse, Rowlett, and surrounding communities came out to take advantage of the amazing opportunities to converse with exhibitors and find out about local resources available to them. Many also came to enjoy the entertainment and fun of the morning in the company of other seniors. Local elected officials from Richardson, Garland, Sachse and Rowlett also stopped by the event to meet with constituents and to enjoy the festivities. Special thanks has to be given to the City of Garland for providing such a wonderful venue for the event, and to all of the wonderful volunteers that made the event possible. If you were unable to make it out to our Senior Awareness Day this year, I really hope you will be able to make it to next year's event in Richardson!



Pictured with Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Tammy Dana-Bashian, Garland Mayor Doug Athas, Councilman David Gibbons, Councilman Stephen Stanley, Sachse Councilman Cullen King, Councilman Brett Franks, Richardson Mayor Pro Tem Mark Solomon and Mayor Paul Voelker.



Pictured with members of the North Texas Veterans, Air Force Association, Garland Fire Dept., and Garland Police Dept. along with members of the Spectacular Senior Follies in the background. We loved having all of these groups as exhibitors at our Senior Awareness Day!

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please contact me on issues that are important to you.

Sincerely,

Angie Chen Button

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