Greetings!

Last week, the Texas House approved Senate Bill 669, the Property Taxpayer Empowerment Act of 2017. SB 669 now empowers taxpayers in two very important ways. First, the bill brings transparency to the tax rate setting process, giving tax payers the tools and information they need - in an easy to understand format - to engage local officials who set tax rates. Second, for those taxpayers who take part in the protest process, the bill strengthens their rights by making the process fair, accountable and transparent.

I was proud to support SB 669 on the House floor and look forward helping it to the Governor's desk as it goes back to the Senate for approval.

I'm proud to say that the House has passed Senate Bill 8, which bans partial-birth abortions and prohibits the sale of fetal tissues and organs.

- While partial-birth abortions are banned by federal law, state prosecutors cannot enforce federal law; this provides an enforcement mechanism for Texas to prosecute those who perform partial-birth abortions.

- Provides for the disposition of fetal remains.

- Prohibits abortion by the method of dismemberment.

- SB 8 prevents children from becoming a commodity on the market and bars abortion centers from turning a double profit on elective abortions performed at the center.

We are in the final week of the 85th Legislative Session, your continued support and prayers are appreciated. It is an honor to represent you in the Texas House.

Sincerely,

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HD33 Legislation On the Governor's Desk

- **HB 2579**- Relating to the bond and other coverages required to be maintained by or for the benefit of a savings bank.

- **HB 2580**- Relating to criminal history record information obtained by the savings and mortgage lending commissioner.

- **HCR 42**- Designating the city of Rockwall as the official Live Music Capital of North Texas.

HD33 Legislation on the Senate Calendar

- **HB 3784 (Sponsored by Sen. Taylor)**- Allows the classroom portion and written exam of the LTC course to be taken online.

- **HB 2949 (Sponsored by Sen. Creighton)**- Cuts unnecessary regulatory reporting requirements on entrepreneurs.

- **HB 3376 (Sponsored by Sen. Perry)**- Relating to forms of notice that may be provided by the Department of Public Safety during certain enforcement proceedings and actions.

- **HB 457 (Sponsored by Sen. Estes)**- Allows spouses and adult children of current peace officers to exempt themselves from property appraisal tax rolls.

Senate Bill 12- Protecting the Blue

Senate Bill 12 creates a grant program to assist law enforcement agencies with the purchase of bulletproof vests and body armor. Funds from the program can be used by law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers. The funding from this grant program will provide approximately 50,000 vests for our local police departments.

We all watched in horror last July while a lone gunman attacked our police officers with advanced weaponry. Senate Bill 12 helps the protect lives of our police force in the event of a similar attack. I was proud to vote this bill out of the Committee on Homeland Security and help its passage on the floor.

Thank You to All Our Pages

It was great having Peyton, Emily, and Allison Nielson as Honorary Pages on the House Floor. Thank you to all of our Honorary Pages from Collin & Rockwall Counties this session.