



Dear Friends,

Governor Abbott has been busy signing legislation since session ended so I wanted to update you on some bills that have officially become laws.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS: Yesterday, while at the Alamo, a symbol of freedom in the Lone Star State, Governor Abbott signed 7 pieces of legislation regarding your Second Amendment rights. [HB 1927](#) – also known as Constitutional or Permitless Carry – will allow law-abiding gun owners to carry that gun on their person without getting a permit from the government. However, this law doesn't change any law regarding who or how you can purchase a gun or any prohibitions currently in place that prevent you from carrying in a school or similar place. Also signed yesterday was [HB 2622](#) by my friend, Representative Holland, that makes Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary state adding a layer of protection against federal overreach. The other bills that were signed were [HB 957](#) regarding firearm suppressors, [HB 1500](#) protecting firearm and ammo stores from being shut down by local officials during a disaster, [SB 19](#), [SB 20](#), and [SB 550](#). I've linked all the bills if you would like to read into each one further.

TEXAS NIL BILL: On Monday Governor Abbott signed [SB 1385](#) which will allow college athletes in Texas to earn compensation for use of their name, image and likeness. Unlike many laws that don't become effective until September 1st this law becomes effective on July 1st allowing college athletes to begin utilizing this law very soon. Texas was the 19th state to pass this landmark legislation.

HOUSE BILL 19: My bill, [HB 19](#), which was signed on Wednesday will protect Texas businesses from the frivolous and abusive commercial trucking lawsuits that they have been fighting for years. This law creates a fair and level playing field for both sides and focuses on the scope of lawsuits that are specific to an incident. All while ensuring that injured Texans can receive the full scope of damages due to them.

PROTECTING INNOCENT LIFE: In addition to SB 8 – The Texas Heartbeat Act which the Governor signed before the end of session, we also passed HB 1280. This bill, signed

Wednesday, will immediately ban abortions in Texas when Roe v Wade is overturned by the US Supreme Court.

STILL ACCEPTING TASSP APPLICATIONS!

My office is still accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP), an educational scholarship opportunity for a deserving Texas student aspiring to serve through military service. Additional details outlining the TASSP application process and requirements may be found [here](#).

Before I head back to Austin to finish the work we started and complete our redistricting duties, I would love to sit and have coffee with you or talk over the phone about anything that's on your mind. Please feel free to reach out to me or my office anytime! We are here for you!

God bless you, and God bless Texas!

All my best,

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

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