



Dear Friends,

We're almost 40 days into the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative session and we have been busy writing legislation, filing bills, and meeting with constituents. The deadline for bills to be filed is Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and so far I've filed 32 bills and 2 Joint Resolutions. These bills encompass many of the issues we have heard straight from you – including substantial property tax relief, criminal justice reform, the protection of our children and the support of our teachers and veterans. You can [follow this link](#) to see a detailed account of each bill I've filed.

### **THE STATE OF THE STATE**

In case you missed it, Governor Abbott shared his vision for the Legislative session last night during his State of the State address. During his speech he listed out a number of emergency items that he wants the legislature to begin working on right away. Emergency items like cutting property taxes and permanently ending COVID restrictions provide an even better climate for businesses in our state and allow for great economic prosperity. These seven emergency items all work towards the same goal – leaving Texas better for the next generation.

- Cut Property Taxes
- Permanently End COVID Restrictions
- Education Freedom for All Texans
- School Safety
- End Revolving Door Bail
- Secure the Border
- Fight the Fentanyl Crisis

If you would like to read his full speech and hear him talk about each of these priorities in more detail, you can [follow this link](#).

## **THIS WEEK AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL**

While we're working hard down in Austin, we also get a chance to have a little fun! One of my favorite days each session is when Sweetwater Jaycee's brings their team of rattle snakes to the Capitol. If you look closely, you'll see my Chief of Staff, Lauren Young, about 30 feet away and on another floor.



It was great to welcome Miss Texas 2022, Averie Bishop, to the Capitol as well. Averie is Collin County's own and is the first Asian American to ever represent the Lone Star State in the Miss America Pageant. Congrats, Averie!



It was my honor to speak at an energetic rally at the Capitol yesterday hosted by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and the Texas Council on Family Violence. Make no mistake: this session we will continue our fight for justice for all survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence.



As always, if I or my office can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at [Jeff.Leach@house.texas.gov](mailto:Jeff.Leach@house.texas.gov) or call my office at the number below. Enjoy your weekend!

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and a long, sweeping "L".

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